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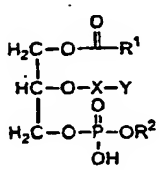

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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compounds of formula (I): which are prodrugs of caspase inhibitors and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. This invention further relates to the release of caspase inhibitors from these compounds through selective bond cleavage. This invention further relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds, which are particularly well-suited for treatment of caspase-mediated diseases, including inflammatory and degenerative diseases. This invention further relates to methods for preparing compounds of this invention.

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PHOSPHOLIPIDS AS CASPASE INHIBITOR PRODRUGS

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application 60/355,889, filed February 11, 2002, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] This invention relates to prodrugs of caspase inhibitors comprising a phospholipid moiety covalently linked, via a bridging group, to a caspase inhibitor, such that the active species is released at the required site of action.

[0003] This invention also relates to processes for preparing these prodrugs of caspase inhibitors.

[0004] This invention further relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising said prodrugs and to the use thereof for the treatment of diseases and disorders related to inflammatory or degenerative conditions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0005] Apoptosis, or programmed cell death, is a principal mechanism by which organisms eliminate unwanted cells. The deregulation of apoptosis, either excessive apoptosis or the failure to undergo it, has been implicated in a number of diseases such as cancer, acute inflammatory and autoimmune disorders, ischemic diseases and certain neurodegenerative disorders [see generally Science, 281, pp. 1283-1312 (1998); and Ellis et al., Ann. Rev. Cell. Biol., 7, p. 663 (1991)].

[0006] Caspases are a family of cysteine protease enzymes that are key mediators in the signaling pathways for apoptosis and cell disassembly [N.A. Thornberry, Chem. Biol., 5, pp. R97-R103 (1998)]. These signaling pathways vary depending on cell type and stimulus, but all apoptosis pathways appear to converge at a common effector pathway leading to proteolysis of key proteins. Caspases are involved in both the effector phase of the signaling pathway and further upstream at its initiation. The upstream caspases involved in initiation events become activated and in turn activate other caspases that are involved in the later phases of apoptosis.

[0007] The utility of caspase inhibitors to treat a variety of mammalian disease states associated with an increase in cellular apoptosis has been demonstrated using peptidic caspase inhibitors. For example, in rodent models, caspase inhibitors have been shown to reduce infarct size and inhibit cardiomyocyte apoptosis after myocardial infarction, to reduce lesion volume and neurological deficit resulting from stroke, to reduce post-traumatic apoptosis and neurological deficit in traumatic brain injury, to be effective in

treating fulminant liver destruction, and to improve survival after endotoxic shock [H. Yaoita et al., Circulation, 97, pp. 276-281 (1998); M. Endres et al., J. Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism, 18, pp. 238-247, (1998); Y. Cheng et al., J. Clin. Invest., 101, pp. 1992-1999 (1998); A.G. Yakovlev et al., J. Neurosci., 17, pp. 7415-7424 (1997); I. Rodriquez et al., J. Exp. Med., 184, pp. 2067-2072 (1996); and Grobmyer et al., Mol. Med., 5, p. 585 (1999)]. However, due to their peptidic nature, such inhibitors are typically characterized by undesirable pharmacological properties, such as poor cellular penetration and cellular activity, poor oral absorption, poor stability and rapid metabolism [J.J. Plattner and D.W. Norbeck, in Drug Discovery Technologies, C.R. Clark and W.H. Moos, Eds. (Ellis Horwood, Chichester, England, 1990), pp. 92-126]. This has hampered their development into effective drugs. These and other studies with peptidic caspase inhibitors have demonstrated that an aspartic acid residue is involved in a key interaction with the caspase enzyme [K.P. Wilson et al., Nature, 370, pp. 270-275 (1994); and Lazebnik et al., Nature, 371, p. 346 (1994)].

[0008] Accordingly, peptidyl and non-peptidyl aspartic acid compounds are useful as caspase inhibitors. For examples, WO96/03982 reports azaaspartic acid analogs effective as interleukin-1β converting enzyme ("ICE") inhibitors.

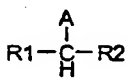
[0009] However, due to their acidic nature such peptidic and non-peptidyl aspartic acid derivatives are charged at physiological pH. This has inhibited their ability to cross the blood brain barrier and to penetrate cells at therapeutically useful levels.

[0010] Accordingly, it would be advantageous to have drug derivatives that are targeted at the diseased organs, especially the brain and central nervous system. In addition, it would be advantageous to have drug derivatives that are targeted at the diseased cells rather than at healthy cells, thus reducing undesirable side-effects.

[0011] The use of prodrugs imparts desired characteristics such as increased bioavailability or increased site-specificity for known drugs. Various lipids and phospholipids can be used in the preparation of particular types of prodrugs.

[0012] WO94/22483 reports cell permeable prodrugs, comprising a pharmacologically active carboxylic acid such as branched-chain aliphatic carboxylic acids (e.g., valproic acid), salicylic acids (e.g., acetylsalicylic acid), steroidal carboxylic acids (e.g., lysergic and isolysergic acids, monoheterocyclic carboxylic acids (e.g., nicotinic acid) and polyheterocyclic carboxylic acids (e.g., penicillins and cephalosporins), covalently linked to an intracellular transporting adjuvant. One such embodiment of the intracellular transporting adjuvant is a lysophospholipid.

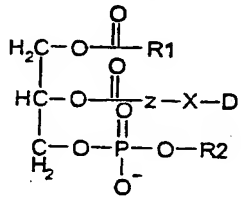
[0013] WO99/02485 reports compounds of the formula:



wherein R1 is a saturated or unsaturated chain of 1-5 carbons in length; R2 is a saturated or unsaturated chain of 3-10 carbons in length; and A is COOL or CONR'R", wherein L is a lipid moiety selected from the group consisting of glycerol, C_{3-20} fatty acid monoglycerides, C_{3-20} fatty acid diglycerides, hydroxy-

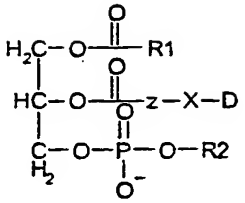
C_{2-6}-alkyl esters of C_{3-20} fatty acids, hydroxy-C_{2-6}-alkyl esters of lysophosphatidic acids, lyso plasmalogens, lysophospholipids, lysophophatidic acid amides, glycerophosphoric acids, sphingolipids, lysophophatidylethanolamine, and N-mono and N,N-di-(C_{1-4})alkyl derivatives of the amines thereof; and R' and R" are each independently selected from the group consisiting of hydrogen and a lower alkyl group comprising 1-5 carbon atoms.

[0014] WO00/31083 reports compounds of the formula:



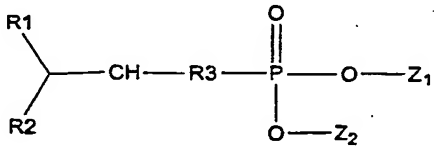
wherein R1 is a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain having from 2 to 30 carbon atoms; R2 is H or a phospholipid head group; D is a residue of a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug having a functional group selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, hydroxyl, amine and thiol, wherein D is attached through said functional group to a bridging group, -C(O)-Z-X-, wherein Z is a saturated or unsaturated carbon chain having from 2 to 15 atoms, and X is selected from amino, hydroxy, thio and carbonyl groups, such that when the functional group of D is carboxyl, X is selected from amino, hydroxy and thio, and when the functional group of D is amino, hydroxy or thio, X is a carbonyl group.

[0015] WO01/19320 reports compounds of the formula:



wherein R1 is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain having from 2 to 30 carbon atoms; R2 is H or a phospholipid head group; Z is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain having from 2 to 15 carbon atoms, which may include cyclic elements, and optionally is interrupted by one or more atoms selected from oxygen and sulfur atoms; X is a direct covalent bond or selected from the group consisting of O, S, NH and C(O) groups; and D is a residue of an anti-proliferative drug, wherein the bound anti-proliferative drug residue is an inactive form of the drug which is selectively activated in cells and tissues with elevated phospholipase activity.

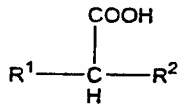
[0016] WO02/11666 reports compounds of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R1 and R2 are the same or different, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic chain comprising from 2 to 30 carbon atoms; R3 is A-$[CH_2]_m$-B-$[CH_2]_n$-C-$[CH_2]_p$-D, wherein m, n and p are each independently zero or an integer from 1 to 12, and A, B, C and D are each independently selected from a covalent bond, amino, amido, oxygen, thio, carbonyl, carboxyl, oxycarbonyl, thiocarbonyl, phosphate, amino phosphate, mono-, di- and tri-amino

phosphate group with the proviso that no two oxygen atoms are directly connected to each other; Z_1 and Z_2 are the same or different, each may be absent or independently selected from a) hydrogen, sodium, lithium, potassium, ammonium, mono-, di-, tri- and tetraalkylammonium, or b) together with the phospho group form a phospho ester of glycerol, choline, ethanolamine, inositol, serine, mono- or oligosaccharide.

[0017] WO03/000173 reports compounds of formula (I):



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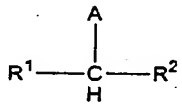
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein R^1 is a saturated or unsaturated chain of 1-18 carbons in length; and R^2 is a saturated or unsaturated chain of 1-18 carbons in length, with the proviso that R^1 and R^2 are not both propyl; and compounds of formula (II):



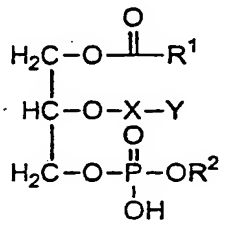
(II)

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein R^1 is a saturated or unsaturated chain of 1-18 carbons in length; R^2 is a saturated or unsaturated chain of 1-18 carbons in length; and A is selected from the group consisting of PO_4-X, COOL and COHR'-R", wherein X is a hydrogen or choline, L is a lipid moiety selected from the group consisting of glycerol, C_{3-20} fatty acid monoglycerides, C_{3-20} fatty acid diglycerides, hydroxy-C_{2-6}-alkyl esters of C_{3-20} fatty acids, hydroxy-C_{2-6}-alkyl esters of lysophosphatidic acids, lyso plasmalogens, lysophospholipids, lysophatidic acid amides, glycerophosphoric acids, sphingolipids,

lysophosphatidylethanolamine, and N-mono-(C_{1-4})alkyl and N,N-di-(C_{1-4})alkyl and quaternary derivatives of the amines thereof; and R' and R" are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a lower alkyl group comprising 1-5 carbon atoms.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0018] The present invention relates to prodrugs of caspase inhibitors. These compounds have the general formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain;

R^2 is H or a phospholipid head group;

X is a direct covalent bond or a group $C(O)LR^3$ wherein L is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain having from 2 to 15 carbon atoms, which optionally includes cyclic elements, and is optionally interrupted by one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and $N(R^4)$; R^3 is selected from the group consisting of O, S and $N(R^4)$, wherein R^4 is H or a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon chain having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and

Y is a residue of a caspase inhibitor.

[0019] This invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising these prodrugs. This invention also relates to the release of the caspase inhibitor from the prodrug by selective bond cleavage. This invention also relates to methods of using said pharmaceutical compositions for treatment of caspase-mediated diseases including inflammatory and degenerative diseases. This invention further relates to methods for preparing compounds of this invention.

Brief Description of the Figures

[0020] FIG. 1 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 00/55114.

[0021] FIG. 2 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 00/55127.

[0022] FIG. 3 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 00/61542.

[0023] FIG. 4 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 01/05772.

[0024] FIG. 5 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 01/10383.

[0025] FIG. 6 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 01/16093.

[0026] FIG. 7 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 01/42216.

[0027] FIG. 8 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 01/72707.

[0028] FIG. 9 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 01/90070.

[0029] FIG. 10 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 01/94351.

[0030] FIG. 11 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 02/094263.

[0031] FIG. 12 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 02/42278.

[0032] FIG. 13 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in US Patent 6,184,210.

[0033] FIG. 14 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in US Patent 6,184,244.

[0034] FIG. 15 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in US Patent 6,187,771.

[0035] FIG. 16 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in US Patent 6,197,750.

[0036] FIG. 17 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in US Patent 6,242,422.

[0037] FIG. 18 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions were also described at the April 2001 American Chemical Society (ACS) meeting in San Diego, California, USA.

[0038] FIG. 19 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 02/22611.

[0039] FIG. 20 depicts compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of this invention. Said compounds and compositions are also described in PCT Publication WO 02/085899.

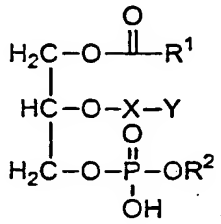
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0040] The present invention provides prodrug agents with improved ability, relative to the corresponding drug, to inhibit caspases in diseases where caspase activation is implicated. The present invention also provides prodrugs of caspase inhibitors that undergo

activation within the disease-affected cells and tissues.

[0041] The prodrugs comprise a phospholipid moiety covalently linked, via an optional bridging group, to a caspase inhibitor such that the active species is preferentially released at the required site of action. Preferably, the active species is released by enzymatic cleavage.

[0042] Thus, the present invention provides a prodrug of general formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain;

R^2 is H or a phospholipid head group;

X is a direct covalent bond or a group $C(O)LR^3$ wherein L is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain having from 2 to 15 carbon atoms, which optionally includes cyclic elements, and is optionally interrupted by one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and $N(R^4)$; R^3 is selected from the group consisting of O, S and $N(R^4)$, wherein R^4 is a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon chain having 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

and Y is a residue of a caspase inhibitor.

[0043] In one embodiment, Y is a bound caspase inhibitor residue which is an inactive form of the drug that is selectively released in cells and tissues with elevated phospholipase activity. In another embodiment, Y corresponds to a reversible caspase inhibitor residue. In yet another embodiment, Y corresponds to an irreversible caspase inhibitor residue.

[0044] In one embodiment of the invention, the R^1 hydrocarbon chain has from 2 to 30 carbon atoms.

[0045] In another embodiment, the R^1 hydrocarbon chain has from 2 to 24 carbon atoms.

[0046] In another embodiment, R^2 is a phospholipid head group. Preferably, the phospholipid head group is choline.

[0047] In another embodiment, X is a direct covalent bond.

[0048] In another embodiment of the present invention, the compound is a caspase inhibitor as described in any of the following documents, each of which is incorporated herein by reference: United States Patent Number ("USP") 6,187,771 (Fig. 15); American Chemical Society ("ACS") Meeting, San Diego, April 2001 (Fig. 18); USP 6,184,244 (Fig. 14); USP 6,242,422 (Fig. 17); USP 6,197,750 (Fig. 16); WO 01/72707 (Fig. 8); WO 01/42216 (Fig. 7); WO 01/10383 (Fig. 5); WO 01/90070 (Fig. 9); WO 01/94351 (Fig. 10); WO 02/22611 (Fig. 19); WO 02/42278 (Fig. 12); WO 02/085899 (Fig. 20); WO 02/094263 (Fig. 11); WO 00/55127 (Fig. 2); WO 01/05772 (Fig. 4);

USP 6,184,210 (Fig. 13); WO 00/61542 (Fig. 3); WO 01/16093 (Fig. 6); and WO 00/55114 (Fig. 1).

[0049] The structures of representative caspase inhibitors in each of these documents are depicted in Table 1.

Table 1. Structures of Selected Caspase Inhibitors

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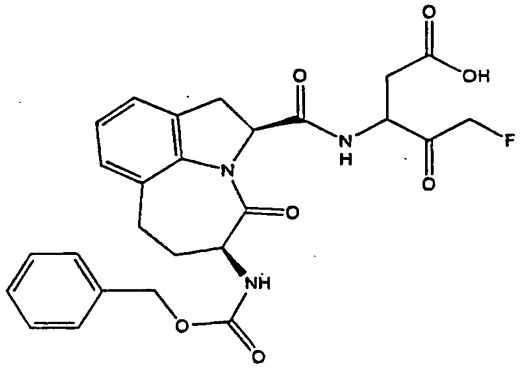
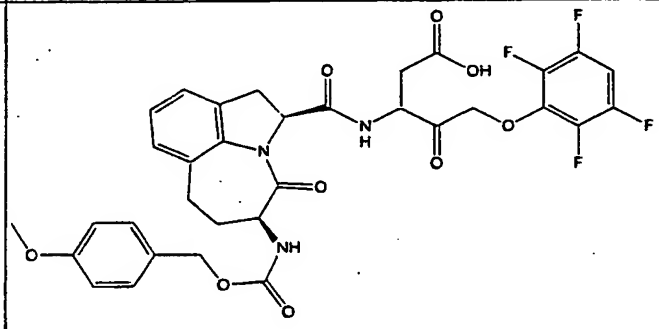
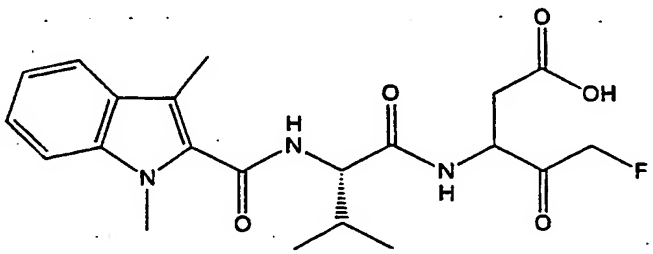
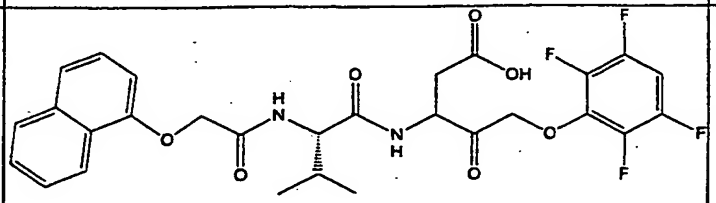
1		USP 6,187,771
2		ACS Meeting, San Diego, April 2001
3		USP 6,184,244
4		USP 6,242,422

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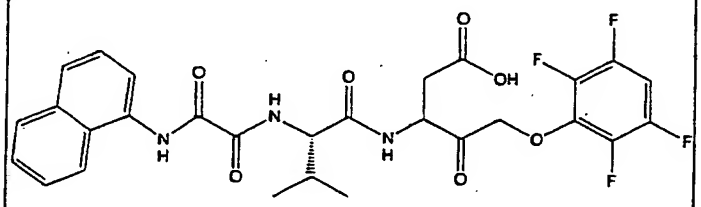
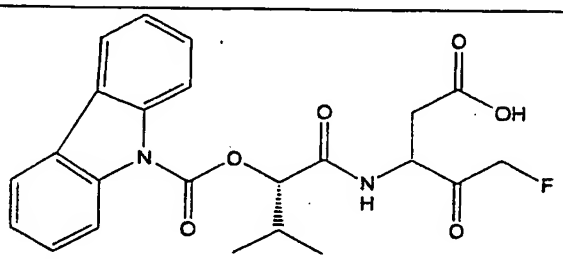
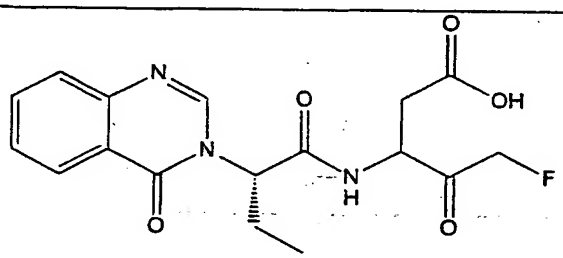
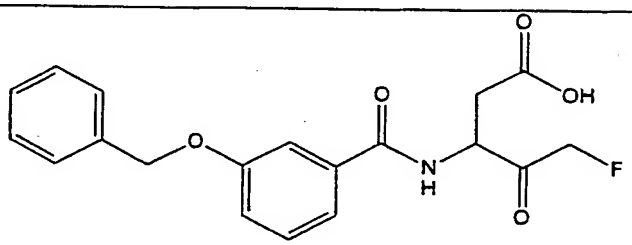
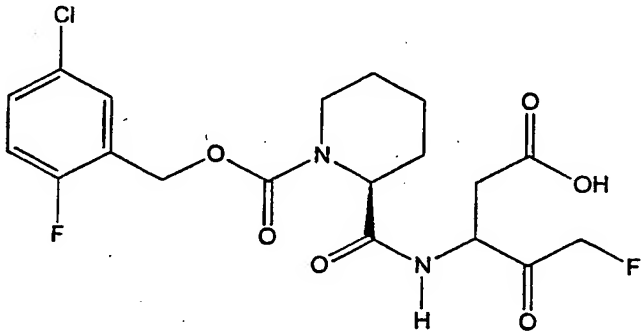
5		USP 6,197,750
6		WO 01/72707
7		WO 01/42216
8		WO 01/10383
9		WO 01/90070

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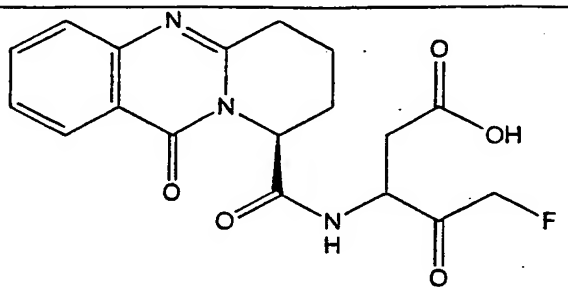
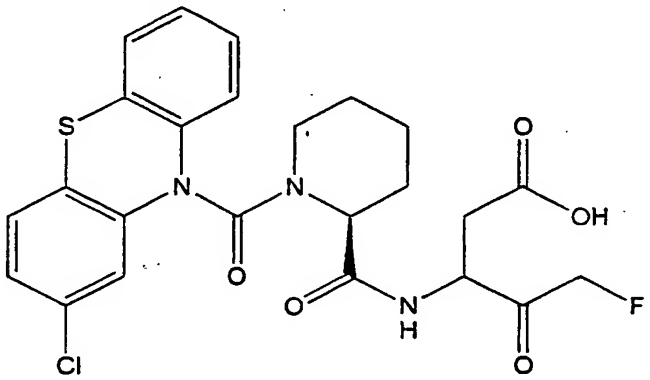
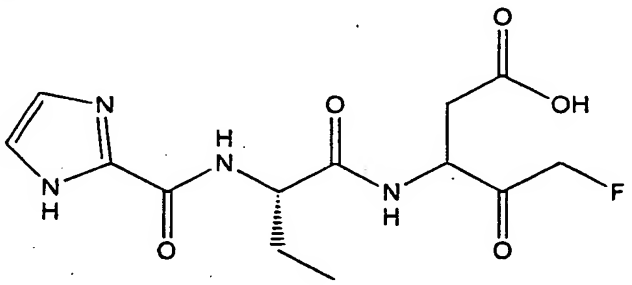
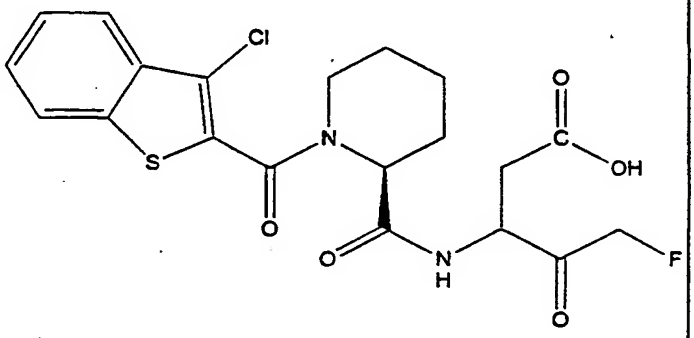
10		WO 01/94351
11		WO 02/22611
12		WO 02/42278
13		WO 02/085899

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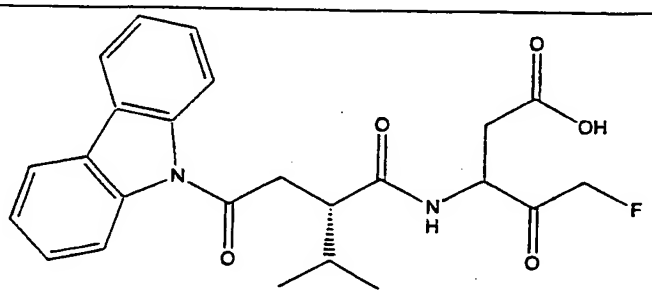
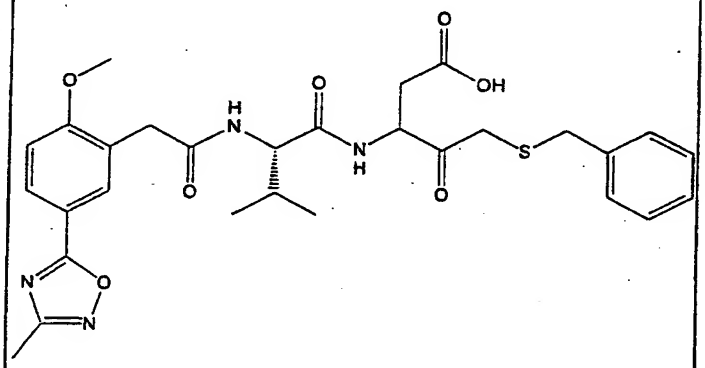
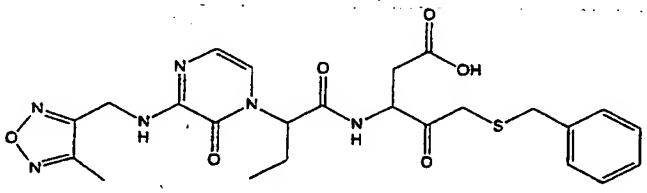
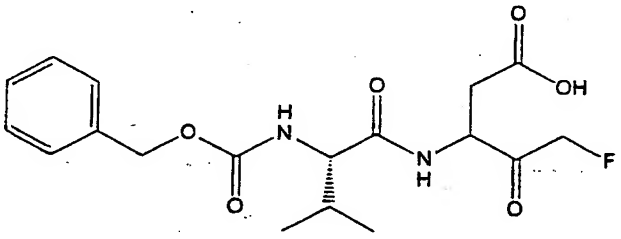
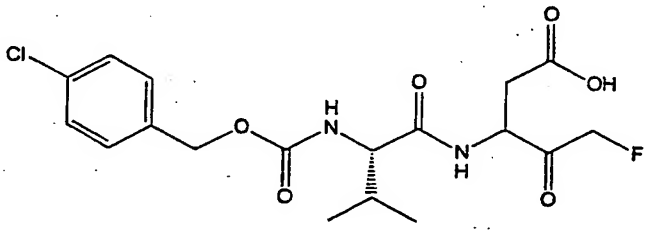
14		WO 02/094263
15		WO 00/55127
16		WO 01/05772
17		USP 6,184,210
18		WO 00/61542

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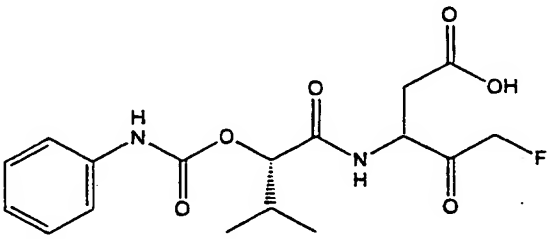
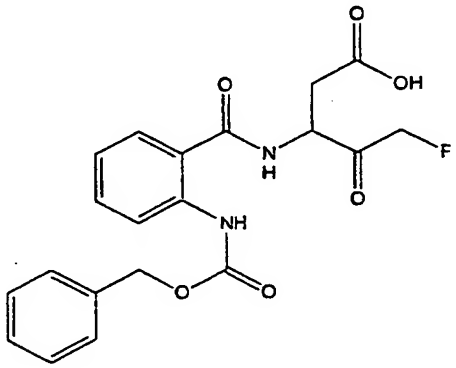
19		WO 01/16093
20		WO 00/55114

[0050] It will be apparent to one skilled in the art that certain compounds of this invention may exist in tautomeric forms or hydrated forms, all such forms of the compounds being within the scope of the invention. Unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include all stereochemical forms of the structure; i.e., the R and S configurations for each asymmetric center. Therefore, single stereochemical isomers as well as enantiomeric and diastereomeric mixtures of the present compounds are within the scope of the invention. Unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include compounds that differ only in the presence of one or more isotopically enriched atoms. For example, compounds having the present structures except for the replacement of a hydrogen by a deuterium or tritium, or

the replacement of a carbon by a ^{13}C- or ^{14}C-enriched carbon are within the scope of this invention.

[0051] As used herein, the term "prodrug" refers to a derivative of a biologically active compound, wherein the derivative has little or no activity of the biologically active compound.

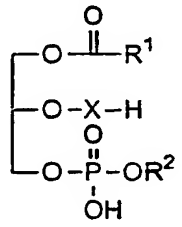
[0052] Examples of the substituents of the hydrocarbon chains include, but are not limited to, halogen and small alkyl (e.g., C_{1-6} alkyl). Examples of phospholipid head groups include, but are not limited to, choline, ethanolamine, inositol, monosaccharide, oligosaccharide, glycerol, phosphatidic acid and serine.

[0053] Accordingly, the compound represented by formula I has little or no caspase inhibitor activity. However, an active caspase inhibitor is obtained by cleavage of the bond that links the residue to the lipid portion of the compound of formula I. This cleavage is preferably carried out enzymatically by, for example, a phospholipase. When the cleavage is carried out by a phospholipase, the residue is selectively cleaved in cells and tissues with elevated phospholipase activity. Caspase inhibitor activity is therefore obtained selectively in cells and tissues with elevated phospholipase activity. This preferential release of the caspase inhibitor is one embodiment of this invention.

[0054] Other mechanisms of cleavage, such as hydrolytic mechanisms or cleavage by other enzymes are also within the scope of this invention. These other mechanisms of cleavage may result in non-preferential release of the caspase inhibitor.

[0055] The compounds of this invention may be prepared in general by methods known to those skilled in the art for analogous compounds, as illustrated by the general schemes and examples below.

[0056] Therefore, one embodiment of this invention provides a process for preparing a compound of formula I, comprising the step of coupling compound 1:



Compound 1

with a compound 2, YH, wherein compound 2 comprises a carboxylic acid group with H being the hydrogen of the carboxylic acid group (R^1, R^2, and Y are as defined in any of the embodiments of this invention). The coupling may be carried out under standard carboxylic acid coupling conditions. As would be appreciated by a skilled practitioner, appropriate functional groups in compound 1 and compound 2 may be protected [see, e.g., T.W. Greene & P.G.M. Wutz, Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1999].

[0057] The compounds of this invention may be assayed for their ability to inhibit apoptosis, the release of IL-1β or caspase activity. Assays for each of the activities are known in the art (see generally, WO 01/42216, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference). However, as would be recognized by a skilled practitioner, the prodrug compounds of this invention should be active only in assays where the phospholipid prodrug moiety would be cleaved, typically in *in vivo* assays.

[0058] One embodiment of this invention relates to a composition comprising a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[0059] Another embodiment of this invention provides a method for inhibiting caspase activity in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[0060] This invention also provides methods of using the compounds and compositions of this invention.

[0061] When pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of this invention are utilized in these compositions, those salts are preferably derived from inorganic or organic acids and bases. Included among such acid salts are the following: acetate, adipate, alginate, aspartate, benzoate, benzene sulfonate, bisulfate, butyrate, citrate, camphorate, camphor sulfonate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, fumarate, glucoheptanoate, glycerophosphate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonate, lactate, maleate, methanesulfonate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, nicotinate, oxalate, pamoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenyl-propionate, picrate, pivalate, propionate, succinate, tartrate, thiocyanate, tosylate and undecanoate. Base salts include ammonium salts, alkali metal salts, such as sodium and potassium salts, alkaline earth metal salts, such as calcium and magnesium salts, salts with organic bases, such as dicyclohexylamine salts, N-methyl-D-glucamine, and

salts with amino acids such as arginine, lysine, and so forth.

[0062] Also, the basic nitrogen-containing groups may be quaternized with agents such as lower alkyl halides, e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, and butyl chloride, bromides and iodides; dialkyl sulfates, such as dimethyl, diethyl, dibutyl and diamyl sulfates, long chain halides such as decyl, lauryl, myristyl and stearyl chlorides, bromides and iodides, aralkyl halides, such as benzyl and phenethyl bromides and others. Water or oil-soluble or dispersible products are thereby obtained.

[0063] The compounds utilized in the compositions and methods of this invention may also be modified by appending appropriate functionalities to enhance selective biological properties. Such modifications are known in the art and include those which increase biological penetration into a given biological system (e.g., blood, lymphatic system, central nervous system), increase oral availability, increase solubility to allow administration by injection, alter metabolism and/or alter rate of excretion.

[0064] Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers that may be used in these compositions include, but are not limited to, ion exchangers, alumina, aluminum stearate, lecithin, serum proteins, such as human serum albumin, buffer substances such as phosphates, glycine, sorbic acid, potassium sorbate, partial glyceride mixtures of saturated vegetable fatty acids, water, salts or electrolytes, such as protamine sulfate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, potassium hydrogen phosphate, sodium chloride, zinc salts, colloidal silica, magnesium trisilicate, polyvinyl pyrrolidone,

cellulose-based substances, polyethylene glycol, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, polyacrylates, waxes, polyethylene-polyoxypropylene-block polymers, polyethylene glycol and wool fat.

[0065] According to a preferred embodiment, the compositions of this invention are formulated for pharmaceutical administration to a mammal, preferably a human being.

[0066] Such pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may be administered orally, parenterally, by inhalation spray, topically, rectally, nasally, buccally, vaginally or via an implanted reservoir. The term "parenteral" as used herein includes subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-articular, intra-synovial, intrasternal, intrathecal, intrahepatic, intralesional and intracranial injection or infusion techniques. Preferably, the compositions are administered orally or intravenously.

[0067] Sterile injectable forms of the compositions of this invention may be aqueous or oleaginous suspension. These suspensions may be formulated according to techniques known in the art using suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterile injectable solution or suspension in a non-toxic parenterally acceptable diluent or solvent, for example as a solution in 1,3-butanediol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium. For this purpose, any bland fixed oil may be

employed including synthetic mono- or di-glycerides. Fatty acids, such as oleic acid and its glyceride derivatives are useful in the preparation of injectables, as are natural pharmaceutically-acceptable oils, such as olive oil or castor oil, especially in their polyoxyethylated versions. These oil solutions or suspensions may also contain a long-chain alcohol diluent or dispersant, such as carboxymethyl cellulose or similar dispersing agents which are commonly used in the formulation of pharmaceutically acceptable dosage forms including emulsions and suspensions. Other commonly used surfactants, such as Tweens, Spans and other emulsifying agents or bioavailability enhancers which are commonly used in the manufacture of pharmaceutically acceptable solid, liquid, or other dosage forms may also be used for the purposes of formulation.

[0068] The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may be orally administered in any orally acceptable dosage form including, but not limited to, capsules, tablets, aqueous suspensions or solutions. In the case of tablets for oral use, carriers that are commonly used include lactose and corn starch. Lubricating agents, such as magnesium stearate, are also typically added. For oral administration in a capsule form, useful diluents include lactose and dried cornstarch. When aqueous suspensions are required for oral use, the active ingredient is combined with emulsifying and suspending agents. If desired, certain sweetening, flavoring or coloring agents may also be added.

[0069] Alternatively, the pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may be administered in

the form of suppositories for rectal administration. These may be prepared by mixing the agent with a suitable non-irritating excipient which is solid at room temperature but liquid at rectal temperature and therefore will melt in the rectum to release the drug. Such materials include cocoa butter, beeswax and polyethylene glycols.

[0070] The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may also be administered topically, especially when the target of treatment includes areas or organs readily accessible by topical application, including diseases of the eye, the skin, or the lower intestinal tract. Suitable topical formulations are readily prepared for each of these areas or organs.

[0071] Topical application for the lower intestinal tract may be effected in a rectal suppository formulation (see above) or in a suitable enema formulation. Topically-transdermal patches may also be used.

[0072] For topical applications, the pharmaceutical compositions may be formulated in a suitable ointment containing the active component suspended or dissolved in one or more carriers. Carriers for topical administration of the compounds of this invention include, but are not limited to, mineral oil, liquid petrolatum, white petrolatum, propylene glycol, polyoxyethylene, polyoxypropylene, emulsifying wax and water. Alternatively, the pharmaceutical compositions may be formulated in a suitable lotion or cream containing the active components suspended or dissolved in one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. Suitable carriers include, but are not limited to, mineral oil, sorbitan monostearate, polysorbate 60,

cetyl esters wax, cetearyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol, benzyl alcohol and water.

[0073] For ophthalmic use, the pharmaceutical compositions may be formulated as micronized suspensions in isotonic, pH adjusted sterile saline, or, preferably, as solutions in isotonic, pH adjusted sterile saline, either with or without a preservative such as benzylalkonium chloride. Alternatively, for ophthalmic uses, the pharmaceutical compositions may be formulated in an ointment such as petrolatum.

[0074] The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may also be administered by nasal aerosol or inhalation. Such compositions are prepared according to techniques well known in the art of pharmaceutical formulation and may be prepared as solutions in saline, employing benzyl alcohol or other suitable preservatives, absorption promoters to enhance bioavailability, fluorocarbons, and/or other conventional solubilizing or dispersing agents.

[0075] The above-described compounds and compositions are particularly useful in therapeutic applications relating to an IL-1 mediated disease, an apoptosis mediated disease, an inflammatory disease, an autoimmune disease, a destructive bone disorder, a proliferative disorder, an infectious disease, a degenerative disease, a disease associated with cell death, an excess dietary alcohol intake disease, a viral mediated disease, retinal disorders, uveitis, inflammatory peritonitis, osteoarthritis, pancreatitis, asthma, adult respiratory distress syndrome, glomerulonephritis, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, scleroderma, chronic thyroiditis, Grave's disease, autoimmune gastritis, diabetes,

autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, chronic active hepatitis, myasthenia gravis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, scarring, graft vs host disease, organ transplant rejection, organ apoptosis after burn injury, osteoporosis, leukemias and related disorders, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma-related bone disorder, acute myelogenous leukemia, chronic myelogenous leukemia, metastatic melanoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, multiple myeloma, hemorrhagic shock, sepsis, septic shock, burns, Shigellosis, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Kennedy's disease, prion disease, cerebral ischemia, epilepsy, myocardial ischemia, acute and chronic heart disease, myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, atherosclerosis, coronary artery bypass graft, spinal muscular atrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, HIV-related encephalitis, aging, alopecia, neurological damage due to stroke, ulcerative colitis, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, hepatitis-B, hepatitis-C, hepatitis-G, yellow fever, dengue fever, Japanese encephalitis, various forms of liver disease, renal disease, polycystic kidney disease, H. pylori-associated gastric and duodenal ulcer disease, HIV infection, tuberculosis, and meningitis. The compounds and compositions are also useful in treating complications associated with coronary artery bypass grafts. The compounds and compositions are also useful for decreasing IGIF or IFN-γ production. The compounds and compositions are also useful in immunotherapy for treatment of cancer.

[0076] The present compounds and compositions may also be used in methods for preserving cells. These

methods would be useful for preserving organs, particularly those intended for transplant, or blood products. Similar uses for caspase inhibitors have been reported [Schierle et al., Nature Medicine, 1999, 5, 97]. The method involves treating the cells or tissue to be preserved with a solution comprising a compound of this invention. The amount of a compound of this invention needed will depend on the effectiveness of the free caspase inhibitor for the given cell type and the length of time required to preserve the cells from apoptotic cell death.

[0077] According to another embodiment, the compositions of this invention may further comprise another therapeutic agent. Such agents include, but are not limited to, thrombolytic agents such as tissue plasminogen activator and streptokinase. When a second agent is used, the second agent may be administered either as a separate dosage form or as part of a single dosage form with the compounds or compositions of this invention.

[0078] The amount of compound present in the compositions of this invention should be sufficient to cause a detectable decrease in the release of IL-1β, cellular apoptosis or caspase activity, or in the severity of caspase-mediated diseases, as measured by any of the assays known in the art.

[0079] Dosage levels of between about 0.01 and about 100 mg/kg body weight per day, preferably between about 0.5 and about 75 mg/kg body weight per day and more preferably between about 1 and about 50 mg/kg body weight per day of the active ingredient compound are useful in a monotherapy.

[0080] Typically, a compound or composition of this invention will be administered from about 1 to about 5 times per day or alternatively, as a continuous infusion. Such administration can be used as a chronic or acute therapy. The amount of active ingredient that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration. A typical preparation will contain from about 5% to about 95% active compound (w/w). Preferably, such preparations contain from about 20% to about 80% active compound.

[0081] When the compositions of this invention comprise a combination of a compound of this invention and one or more additional therapeutic or prophylactic agents, both the compound and the additional agent should be present at dosage levels of between about 10% to about 80% of the dosage normally administered in a monotherapy regime.

[0082] Upon improvement of a patient's condition, a maintenance dose of a compound, composition or combination of this invention may be administered, if necessary. Subsequently, the dosage or frequency of administration, or both, may be reduced, as a function of the symptoms, to a level at which the improved condition is retained. When the symptoms have been alleviated to the desired level, treatment should cease. Patients may, however, require intermittent treatment on a long-term basis upon any recurrence of disease symptoms.

[0083] As the skilled practitioner will appreciate, lower or higher doses than those recited above may be required. It should be understood that a specific

dosage and treatment regimens for any particular patient will depend upon a variety of factors, including the activity of the specific compound employed, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, the severity and course of the particular disease, the patient's disposition to the disease being treated, and the judgment of the treating physician. The amount of active ingredients will also depend upon the particular compound and other therapeutic agent, if present, in the composition.

[0084] In a preferred embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a mammal, having one of the aforementioned diseases, comprising the step of administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically acceptable composition described above. In this embodiment, if the patient is also administered another therapeutic agent or caspase inhibitor, it may be delivered together with the compound of this invention in a single dosage form, or, as a separate dosage form. When administered as a separate dosage form, the other caspase inhibitor or agent may be administered prior to, at the same time as, or following administration of a pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising a compound of this invention.

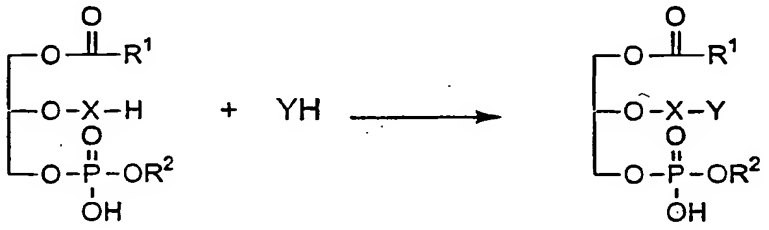
[0085] The compounds of this invention are particularly suitable for methods involving inhibition of caspase activity. Without being bound by theory, upon *in vivo* administration of a prodrug of this invention, the phospholipid group is cleaved to provide a corresponding acid-containing compound (e.g., a compound of Table 1). As would be recognized by a skilled practitioner, a prodrug of this invention or

the corresponding parent compound may be further metabolized *in vivo*. Any such metabolites are included within the scope of this invention.

[0086] In order that this invention be more fully understood, the following examples are set forth. These examples are for the purpose of illustration only and are not to be construed as limiting the scope of the invention in any way.

Example 1

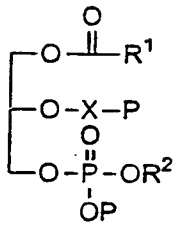
Scheme 1 Preparation of Compounds of Formula I



1 2 Formula I

[0087] Scheme 1 depicts a synthetic route for obtaining compounds of formula I, where compound 2 is a caspase inhibitor comprising a carboxylic acid moiety. Reaction of a lipid compound 1 with a compound 2, under standard carboxylic acid coupling conditions (for example, the conditions as described below in Example 2) provides compounds of formula I. Compounds of formula 1 may be isolated using standard procedures.

[0088] In the lipid compound 1, the X-H moiety and/or the OH moiety may be protected with a suitable protecting group. A lipid compound 1 wherein both moieties are protected would have the structure depicted by compound 3 below, wherein P is a suitable protecting group (and wherein each P may be the same or different). As would be recognized by a skilled practitioner, if the X-H moiety of compound 1 is protected, the protecting group must be removed prior to reacting compound 1 with compound 2. However, if the O-H moiety is protected, the protecting group does not need to be removed prior to reacting compound 1 with compound 2. Furthermore, the deprotection of the X-H moiety may be done in situ. Depending on the nature of the substituents on Y, suitable protecting groups may be used in association with Y.



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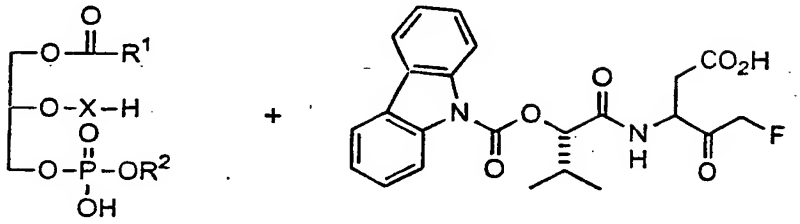
Example 2

Scheme 2 Preparation of Compound 5



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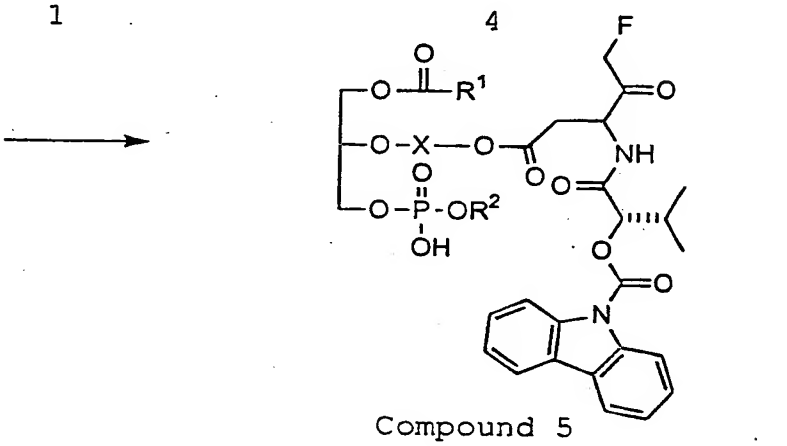


Compound 5

[0089] Scheme 2 depicts a synthetic route for obtaining compounds of this invention where Y is the residue of a caspase inhibitor of WO 01/72707 (wherein R^1, R^2, and X are as defined herein). Reaction of a lipid compound 1 with compound 4 in the presence of EDC [1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride] or CDI (1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole) under standard carboxylic acid coupling conditions provides

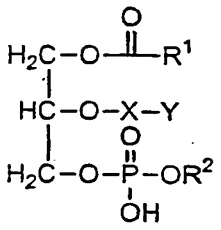
compound 5. Compound 5 may be isolated using standard procedures.

[0090] As described above in Example 1, the lipid compound 1, may be protected with a suitable protecting group.

[0091] While we have described a number of embodiments of this invention, it is apparent that our basic examples may be altered to provide other embodiments, which utilize the compounds, compositions, and methods of this invention.

We Claim:

1. A compound of the formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain;

R^2 is H or a phospholipid head group;

X is a direct covalent bond or a group $C(O)LR^3$; wherein L is a saturated or unsaturated, straight-chain or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain having from 2 to 15 carbon atoms, which optionally includes cyclic elements, and is optionally interrupted by one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and $N(R^4)$, R^3 is selected from the group consisting of O, S and $N(R^4)$; wherein R^4 is a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon chain having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and

Y is a residue of a caspase inhibitor.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein the R^1 hydrocarbon chain has from 2 to 30 carbon atoms.

3. The compound of claim 2, wherein the R^1 hydrocarbon chain has from 2 to 24 carbon atoms.

4. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is a phospholipid head group.

5. The compound of claim 4, wherein the phospholipid head group is choline.

6. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is a direct covalent bond.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is a reversible caspase inhibitor.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is an irreversible caspase inhibitor.

9. The compound of claim 1, wherein the caspase inhibitor is any one of the caspase inhibitors depicted in FIGs. 1-20.

10. The compound of claim 1, wherein the caspase inhibitor is selected from a structure in Table 1 below:

Table 1. Structures of Selected Caspase Inhibitors

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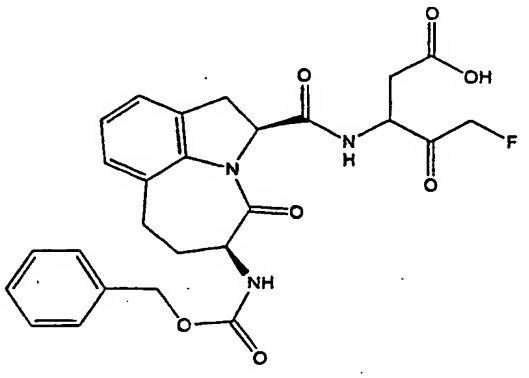
1	

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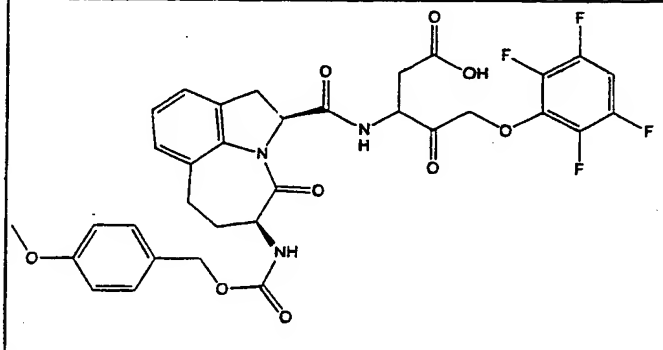
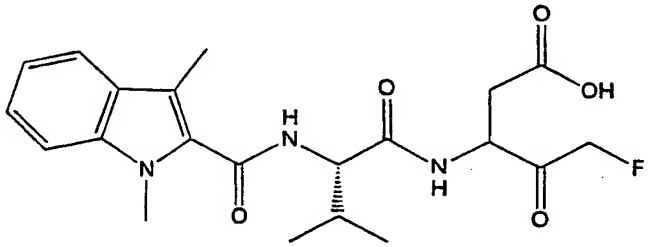
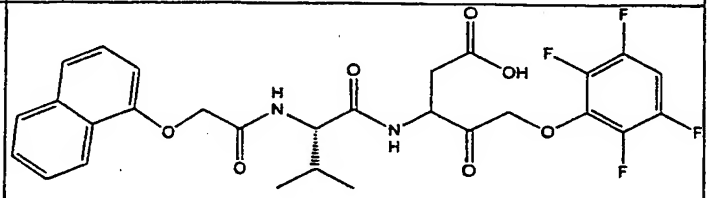
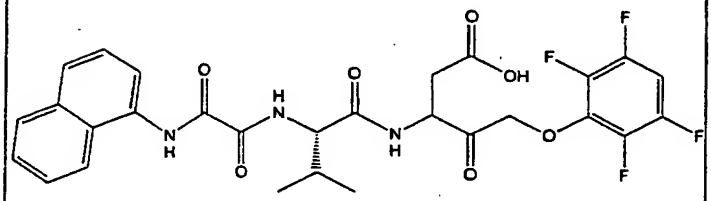
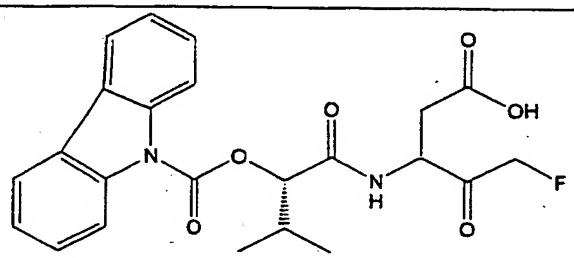
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

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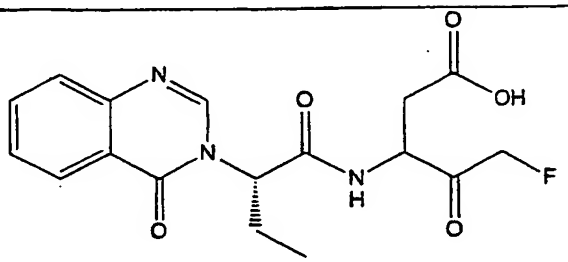
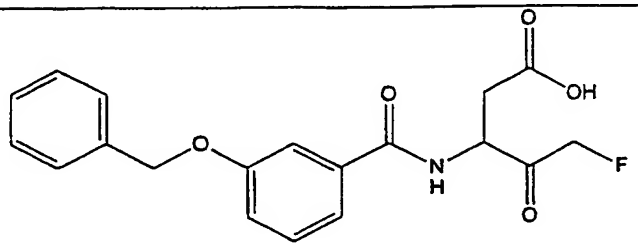
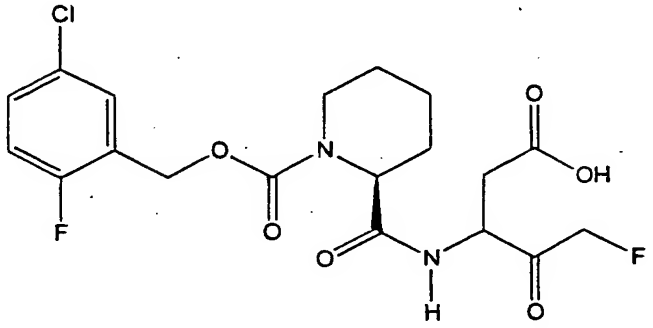
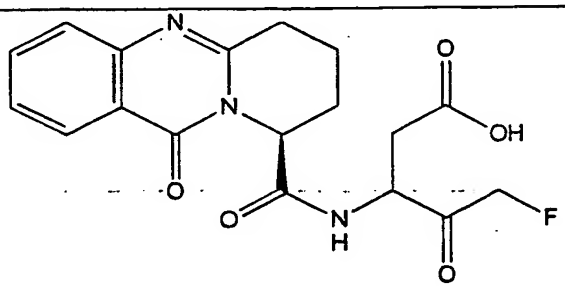
7	
8	
9	
10	

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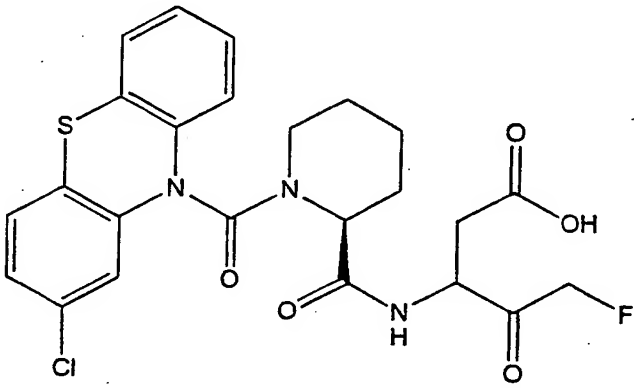
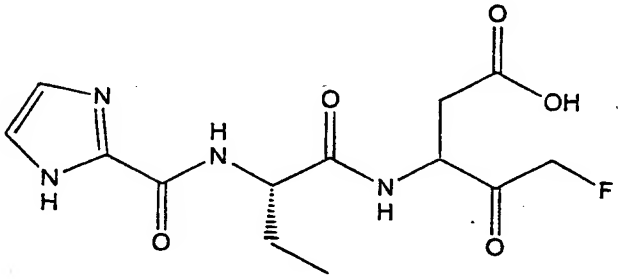
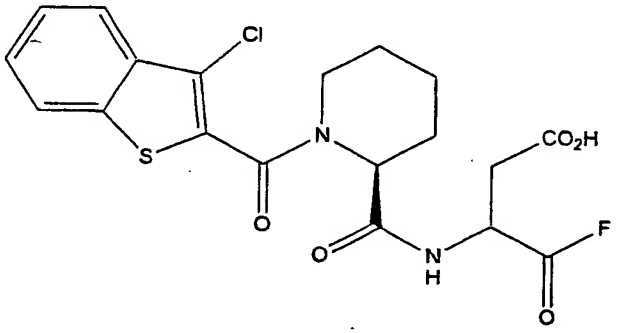
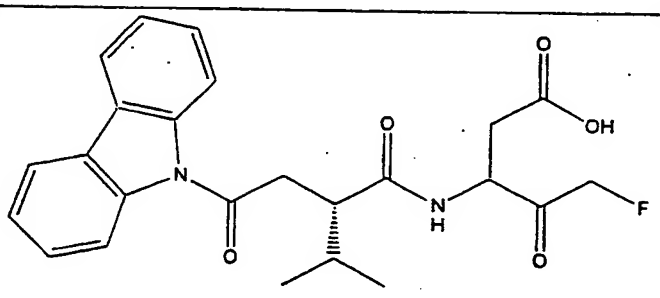
11	
12	
13	
14	

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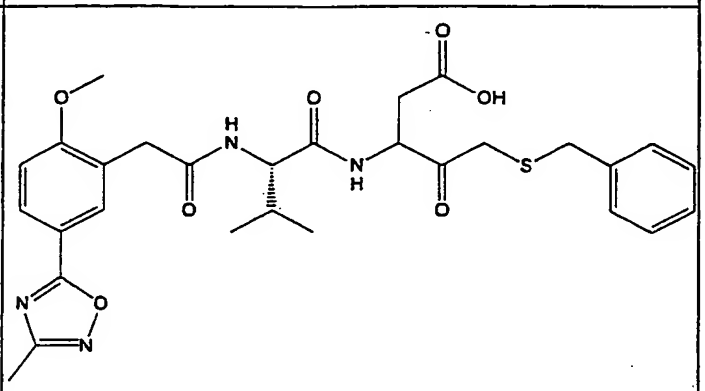
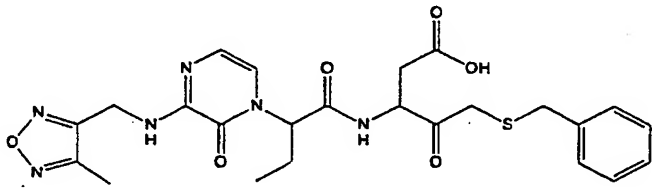
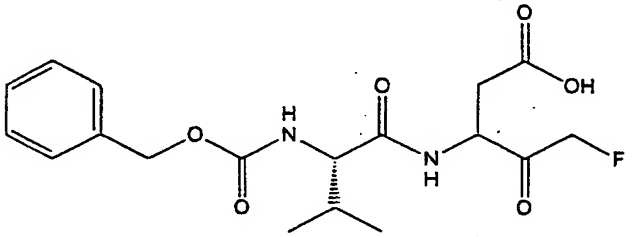
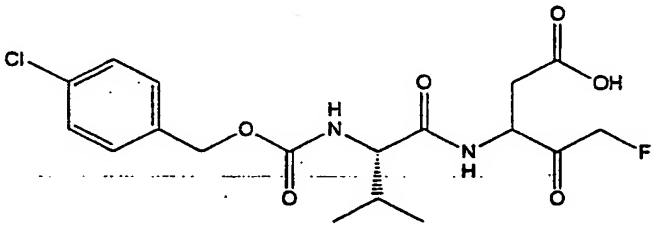
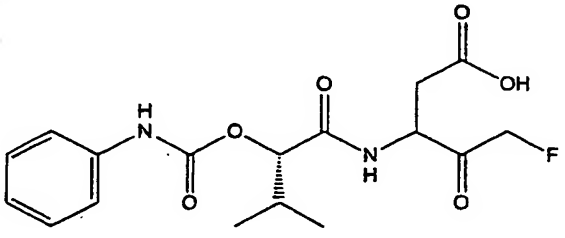
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	

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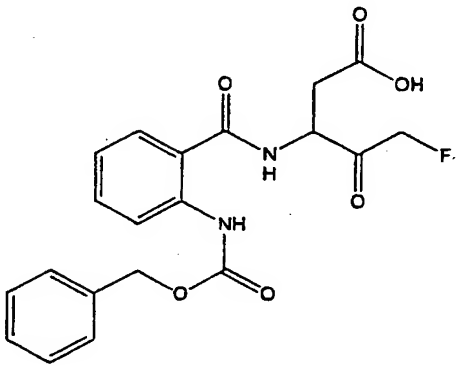
20	

11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
a) a compound according to any one of claims 1-10; and
b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

12. A method for inhibiting caspase activity in a mammal in need thereof comprising administering to said mammal a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 or a composition according to claim 11.

13. A method for treating or preventing a disease selected from the group consisting of an IL-1 mediated disease, an apoptosis mediated disease, an inflammatory disease, an autoimmune disease, a destructive bone disorder, a proliferative disorder, an infectious disease, a degenerative disease, a disease associated with cell death, an excess dietary alcohol intake disease, a viral mediated disease, uveitis, inflammatory peritonitis, osteoarthritis, pancreatitis, asthma, adult respiratory distress syndrome, glomerulonephritis, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, scleroderma, chronic thyroiditis, Grave's disease, autoimmune gastritis, diabetes,

autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, chronic active hepatitis, myasthenia gravis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, scarring, graft vs. host disease, organ transplant rejection, osteoporosis, leukemias and related disorders, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma-related bone disorder, acute myelogenous leukemia, chronic myelogenous leukemia, metastatic melanoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, multiple myeloma, hemorrhagic shock, sepsis, septic shock, burns, Shigellosis, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Kennedy's disease, prion disease, cerebral ischemia, epilepsy, myocardial ischemia, acute and chronic heart disease, myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, arteriosclerosis, coronary artery bypass graft, spinal muscular atrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, HIV-related encephalitis, aging, alopecia, neurological damage due to stroke, ulcerative colitis, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, hepatitis-B, hepatitis-C, hepatitis-G, yellow fever, dengue fever, or Japanese encephalitis, various forms of liver disease, renal disease, polyaptic kidney disease, H. pylori-associated gastric and duodenal ulcer disease, HIV infection, tuberculosis, and meningitis in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 or a composition according to claim 11.

14. A method for treating complications associated with coronary artery bypass grafts in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a

compound according to any one of claims 1-10 or a composition according to claim 11.

15. A method for treating cancer in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 or a composition according to claim 11, wherein said compound or composition is used as a component of immunotherapy.

16. The method according to any one of claims 12-15, wherein said mammal is a human.

17. A method for preserving cells comprising treating the cells with a solution comprising an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 or a composition according to claim 11.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said compound or composition is used for an organ transplant or for preserving blood products.

19. The method according to any one of claims 12-15, wherein said compound or composition is administered with an additional therapeutic agent.

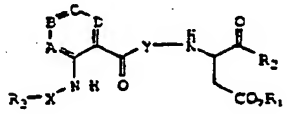
20. The method according to claim 19, wherein said additional therapeutic agent is a thrombolytic agent.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein said thrombolytic agent is selected from the group consisting of tissue plasminogen activator and streptokinase.

22. A method for decreasing IGIF or IFN-γ production in a mammal in need thereof comprising

administering to said mammal a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 or a composition according to claim 11.

1. A compound having the Formulae I or II or III:



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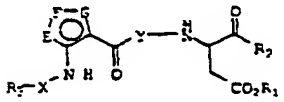

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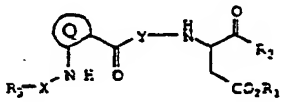


(III)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, wherein:

R_1 is an optionally substituted alkyl or hydrogen;

R_3 is an N-protecting group;

R_2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl;

Q is an optionally substituted saturated or partially saturated carbocycle or heterocycle;

X is a peptide of 1-4 amino acids or a bond;

Y is a peptide of 1-4 amino acids or a bond;

A is CR_6 or nitrogen;

B is CR_7 or nitrogen;

C is CR_8 or nitrogen;

D is CR_9 or nitrogen;

provided that not more than two of A, B, C or D is nitrogen; and R_6-R_9 independently are hydrogen, halo, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkenyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkynyl, C_1-C_6 hydroxyalkyl,

Fig. 1(a)

nitro, amino, cyano, C_1-C_6 acylamino, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 acyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, alkylthio, or carboxy; or

one of R_4 and R_{11}, or R_7 and R_8, or R_8 and R_9 are taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached to form a carbocycle or heterocycle;

E is C_{14}, nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

F is C_{15}, nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

G is C_{16}, nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

provided that only one of E, F, G is nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and R_{14}-R_{16} are independently hydrogen, halo, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkenyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkynyl, C_1-C_6 hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, C_1-C_6 acylamino, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 acyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, alkylthio, or carboxy; or

one of R_{14} and R_{15}, or R_{15} and R_{16}, are taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached to form a carbocycle or heterocycle.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_3 is t-butyloxycarbonyl, acetyl or benzyloxycarbonyl.

3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is H, Me, Et or acetoxymethyl.

4. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_2 is hydrogen, fluoromethyl, acyloxymethyl, arylacyloxymethyl or aminomethyl.

5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is a bond.

6. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A, B, C and D are CH.

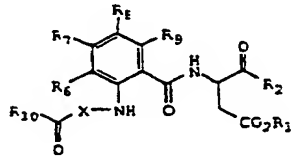
Fig. 1(b)

7. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is nitrogen and B, C and D are CH.

8. A compound according to claim 1, wherein G is sulfur, and E and F are CH.

9. A compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is cyclohexyl or cyclopentyl.

10. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound has the Formula IV:



(IV)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, wherein

R_2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl, wherein the substituent is halo, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, arylthio, amino, acyloxy, or arylacyloxy;

R_6-R_9 independently are hydrogen, halo, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkenyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkynyl, C_1-C_6 hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, C_1-C_6 acylamino, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 acyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, alkylthio, or carboxy; or

one of R_6 and R_7, or R_7 and R_8, or R_8 and R_9 are taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached to form a carbocycle or heterocycle, selected from the group consisting of —OCH_2O—, —OCF_2O—, —$(CH_2)_3$—, —$(CH_2)_4$—, —OCH_2CH_2O—, —$CH_2N(R_{13})CH_2$—, —$CH_2CH_2N(R_{13})CH_2$—, —$CH_2N(R_{13})CH_2CH_2$— and —CH=CH—CH=CH—; wherein R_{13} is hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl;

Fig. 1(c)

R_{10} is hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, benzyloxy, substituted benzyloxy, or $NR_{11}R_{12}$; wherein R_{11} and R_{12} independently are hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, or R_{11} and R_{12} are combined to form a heterocyclic ring system selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, and morpholine.

11. A compound according to claim 10, wherein R_2 is hydrogen, fluoromethyl, acyloxymethyl, aryiacyloxymethyl or aminomethyl.

12. A compound according to claim 10, wherein R_{10} is benzyloxy.

13. A compound according to claim 10, wherein R_1 is H, Me or acetoxymethyl.

14. A compound according to claim 10, wherein X is a peptide of 1-2 amino acids or a bond.

Fig. 1(d)

2-(Z-Amino)benzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-6-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-5-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-3-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-3-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-5-fluorobenzoyl-Asp-fmk
cis-2-(Z-Amino)cyclohexanecarboxyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-3,5-dimethylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-5-chlorobenzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-6-chlorobenzoyl-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)-4-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
3-(Z-Amino)thiophene-3-carboxyl-Asp-fmk
3-(Methoxycarbonylamino)thiophene-2-carboxyl-Asp-fmk
Cis-2-(Z-Amino)cyclopentanecarboxyl-Asp-fmk
Trans-2-(Z-Amino)cyclohexanecarboxyl-Asp-fmk
Z-Glu-(2-aminobenzoyl)-Asp-fmk
Z-Val-(2-Aminobenzoyl)-Asp-fmk
2-(Z-Amino)benzoyl-Asp-DCB-methylketone
Methoxycarbonyl-Val-(2-aminobenzoyl)-Asp-fmk

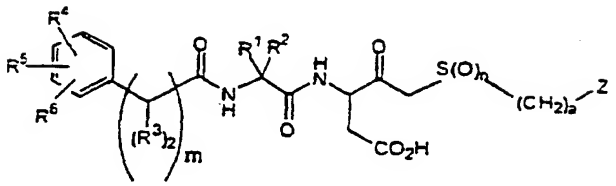
Fig. 1(e)

1	2-(Z-Amino)benzoyl-Asp-fmk
2	2-(Z-Amino)-6-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
3	2-(Z-Amino)-5-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
4	2-(Z-Amino)-3-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
5	2-(Z-Amino)-3-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
6	2-(Z-Amino)-5-fluorobenzoyl-Asp-fmk
7	cis-2-(Z-Amino)cyclohexanecarboxyl-Asp-fmk
8	2-(Z-Amino)-3,5-dimethylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
9	2-(Z-Amino)-5-chlorobenzoyl-Asp-fmk
10	2-(Z-Amino)-6-chlorobenzoyl-Asp-fmk
11	2-(Z-Amino)-4-methylbenzoyl-Asp-fmk
12	3-(Z-Amino)thiophene-3-carboxyl-Asp-fmk
13	3-(Methoxycarbonylamino)thiophene-2-carboxyl-Asp-fmk
14	Cis-2-(Z-Amino)cyclopentanecarboxyl-Asp-fmk
15	Trans-2-(Z-Amino)cyclohexanecarboxyl-Asp-fmk
16	Z-Glu-(2-aminobenzoyl)-Asp-fmk
17	Z-Val-(2-Aminobenzoyl)-Asp-fmk
18	2-(Z-Amino)benzoyl-Asp-DCB-methylketone
19	Methoxycarbonyl-Val-(2-aminobenzoyl)-Asp-fmk

Z: benzyloxycarbonyl
fmk: fluoromethylketone
DCB: 2,6-dichlorobenzoyloxy

Fig. 1(f)

1. A compound represented by formula I:



I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or hydrate, wherein:

a is 0 or 1 and
m and n are 0, 1 or 2;

Z is selected from the group consisting of:

1) C_{1-8}alkyl,

2) C_{3-11}cycloalkyl, said alkyl and cycloalkyl groups being optionally substituted with 1-4 halo groups,

3) phenyl or naphthyl, optionally substituted by one or two groups selected from the group consisting of: halo, nitro, C_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}alkoxy, said alkyl and alkoxy groups being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; and

4) HET^1 wherein HET^1 represents a 5 or 6 membered aromatic or non-aromatic ring, and the benzofused analogs thereof, containing from 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}acyl;

R^1 represents a member selected from the group consisting of: H, aryl, C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted by OR^7, and C_{5-7}cycloalkyl optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^8,
and
R^2 represents H,

Fig. 2-1(a)

or in the alternative, R^1 and R^2 are taken in combination and represent a ring of 4-7 members, said ring optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^8;

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-3}alkyl and benzyl optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from halo, C_{1-3}alkyl and C_{1-3}alkoxy; and R^8 is H or C_{1-3}alkyl;

each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-3}alkyl optionally containing 1-2 oxo groups, C_{1-3}alkoxy and halo;

R^4, R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from the group consisting of:

1) H,
2) halo,
3) C_{1-3}alkoxy optionally substituted with 1-3 halo atoms,
4) NO_2,
5) OH,
6) benzyloxy, the benzyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: halo, CN, C_{1-3}alkyl and C_{1-3}alkoxy, said alkyl and alkoxy being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups,
7) NH-C_{1-3}acyl,
8) C_{1-3}acyl,
9) O-C_{1-3}alkyl-CO_2H, optionally esterified with a C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{5-7} cycloalkyl group,
10) CH=CH-CO_2H,
11) C_{0-3}alkylCO_2H,
12) C_{0-3}alkyl$C(O)NH_2$, optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom by 1-2 C_{1-3}alkyl groups;
13) C_{0-2} alkyl$S(O)_{0-2}C_{1-3}$alkyl;
14) $S(O)_{0-2}$-C_{1-6} alkyl or $S(O)_{0-2}$-phenyl, said alkyl and phenyl portions thereof being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: halo, CN, C_{1-3}alkyl and C_{1-3}alkoxy, said alkyl and alkoxy being optionally substituted by 1-3 halo groups,
15) benzoyl optionally substituted by 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: halo, CN, C_{1-3}alkyl and C_{1-3}alkoxy, said alkyl and alkoxy groups being optionally substituted by 1- 3 halo groups.

Fig. 2-1(b)

16) phenyl or naphthyl, optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: halo, CN, C_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}alkoxy, said alkyl and alkoxy being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups,

17) CN,

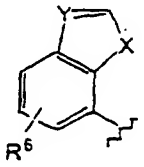
18) -C_{1-4}alkyl-HET^2, wherein HET^2 represents a 5-7 membered aromatic or non-aromatic ring containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S and NR^x and optionally containing 1-2 oxo groups, and optionally substituted with 1-3 C_{1-4} alkyl, OH, halo or C_{1-4}acyl groups;

19) -OC_{1-4}alkyl-HET^1, wherein HET^1 is a 5 or 6 membered aromatic or non-aromatic ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and optionally substituted with one or two groups selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl, and optionally containing 1-2 oxo groups,

and

20) HET^1, wherein HET^1 is a 5 or 6 membered aromatic or non-aromatic ring, and the benzofused analogs thereof, containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and is optionally substituted by one or two groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}acyl, or

R^4 and R^5 are taken in combination and represent a fused heteroaryl ring as shown below:



wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of CH and N, and X is selected from O, S and NH, and R^6 is as defined above.

2. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein a is 1.

3. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein m is 1.

Fig. 2-1(c)

4. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein n is 0.

5. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein Z is phenyl optionally substituted by one or two groups selected from halo, nitro, C_{1-4}alkoxy optionally substituted by up to 3 halogen atoms, or C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted by up to 3 halogen atoms.

6. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^1 is C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted by OR^7.

7. A compound in accordance with claim wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

8. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

9. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^2 is H and n is 0.

10. A compound in accordance with claim 9 wherein R^1 represents a member selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted by OR^7 and C_{5-7}cycloalkyl optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^8.

11. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein Z represents HET^1 and HET^1 represents a 5 or 6 membered aromatic ring, or the benzofused analog thereof, containing from 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}acyl.

12. A compound in accordance with claim 11 wherein HET^1 represents a member selected from the group consisting of: pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, furan, thiophene, thiazole and oxazole.

Fig. 2-1(d)

13. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein HET^2 is selected from the group consisting of: butyrolactone, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran and 2-pyrrolidinone.

14. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein HET^3 is selected from pyridine and pyrimidine.

15. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein HET^4 is selected from the group consisting of: 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, thiophene, pyrrole, pyridine, tetrazole, oxazole, thiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole and 1,3,4-triazole.

16. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein:

a and m are 1;

n is 0;

Z is phenyl optionally substituted by one or two groups selected from halo, nitro, C_{1-4}alkoxy optionally substituted by up to 3 halogen atoms, or C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted by up to 3 halogen atoms;

R^1 represents a member selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted by OR^7 and C_{3-6}cycloalkyl optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^8.

R^2 is hydrogen;

R^3 is hydrogen

Z represents HET^1 and HET^1 represents pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, furan, thiophene, thiazole or oxazole, optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}acyl;

HET^2 is selected from the group consisting of: butyrolactone, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran and 2-pyrrolidinone;

HET^3 is selected from the group consisting of: butyrolactone, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran, 2-pyrrolidinone, pyridine and pyrimidine;

and HET^4 is selected from the group consisting of: 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, thiophene, pyrrole, pyridine, tetrazole, oxazole, thiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole and 1,3,4-triazole, and all other variables are as defined therein.

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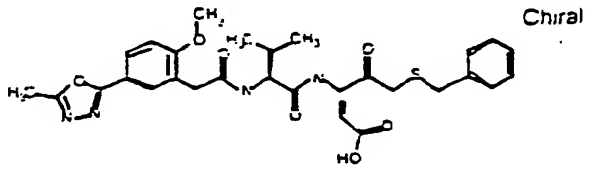
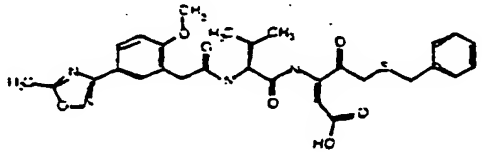
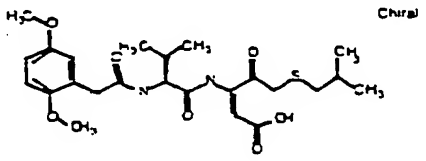
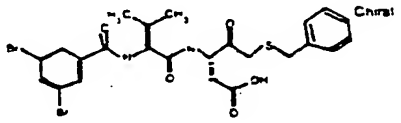
1	 Chiral
2	
3	 Chiral
4	 Chiral

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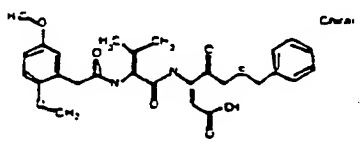
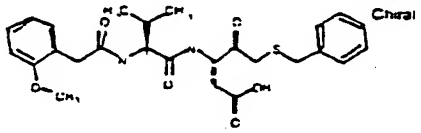
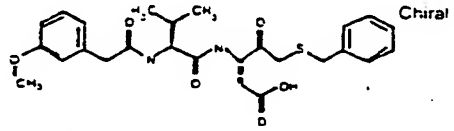
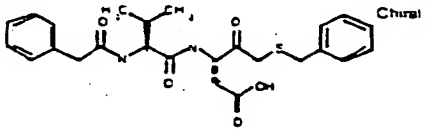
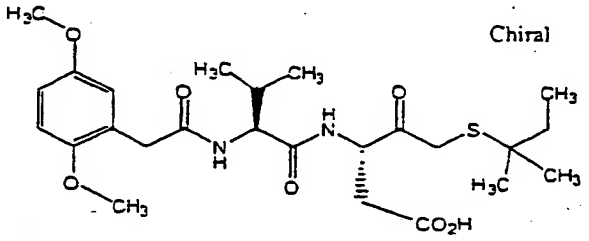
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	

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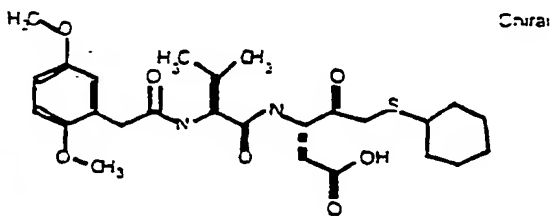
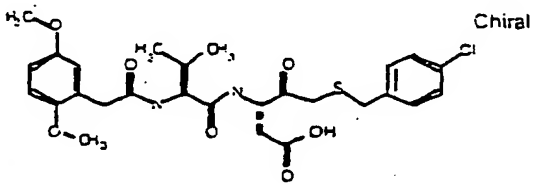
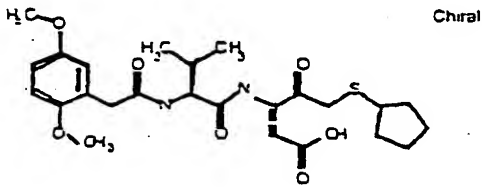
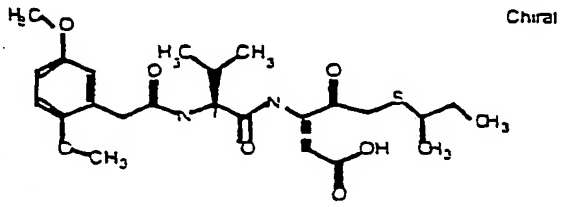
10	 Chiral
11	 Chiral
12	 Chiral
13	 Chiral

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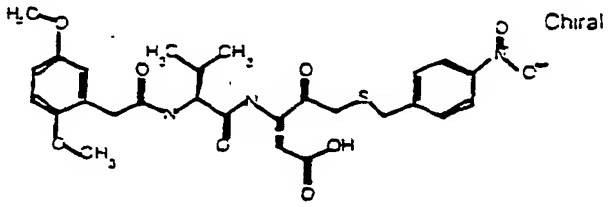
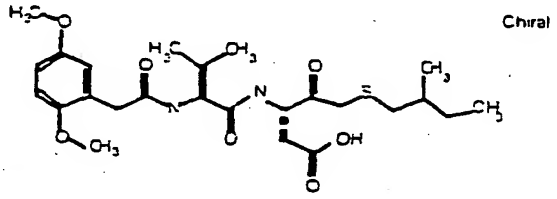
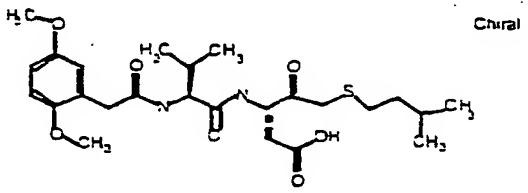
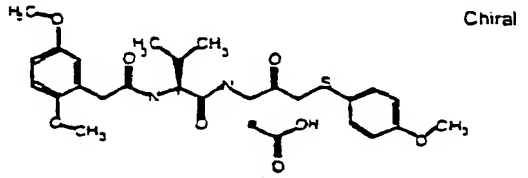
14	 Chiral
15	 Chiral
16	 Chiral
17	 Chiral

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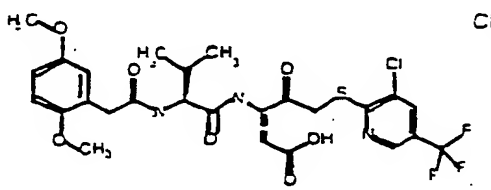
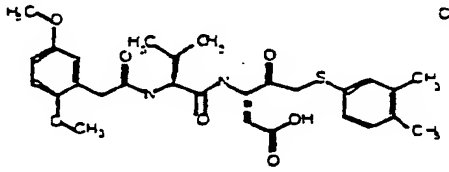
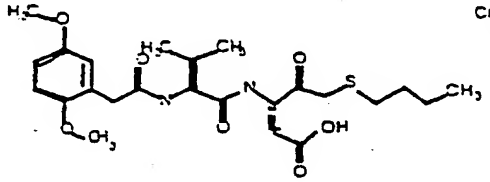
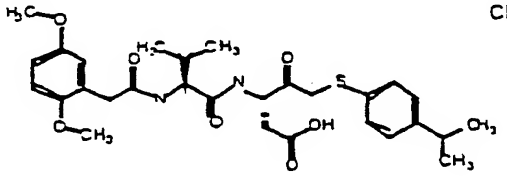
18	 Chiral
19	 Chiral
20	 Chiral
21	 Chiral

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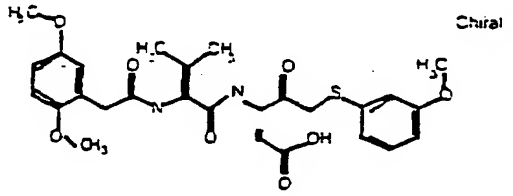
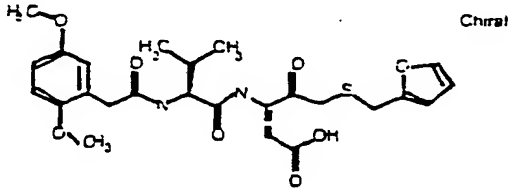
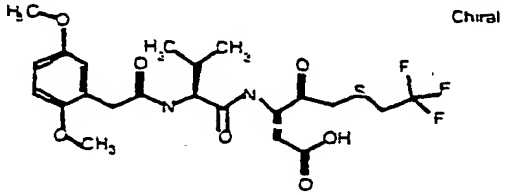
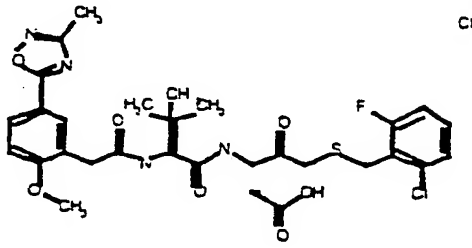
22	 Chiral
23	 Chiral
24	 Chiral
25	 Chiral

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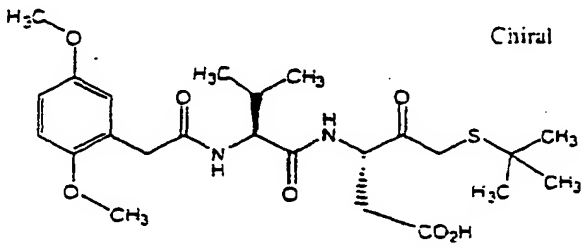
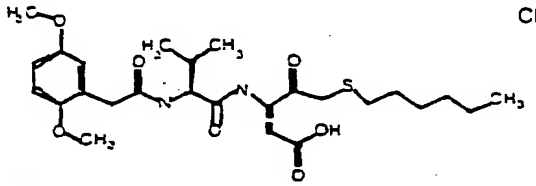
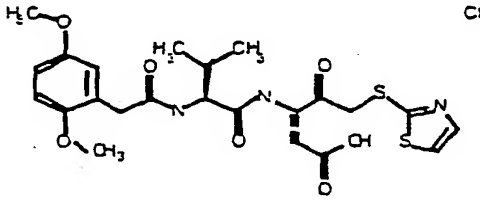
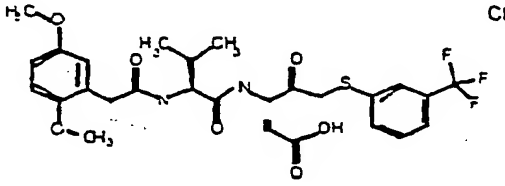
26	 Chiral
27	 Chiral
28	 Chiral
29	 Chiral

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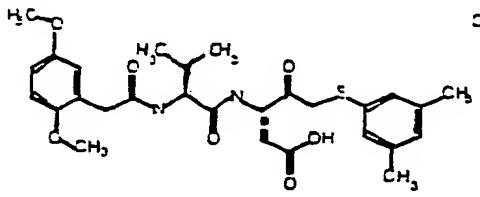
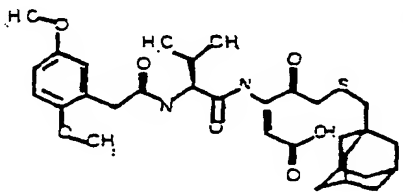
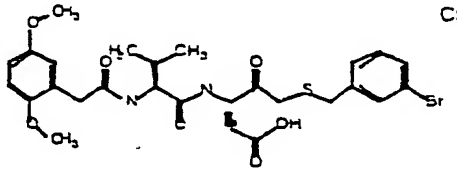
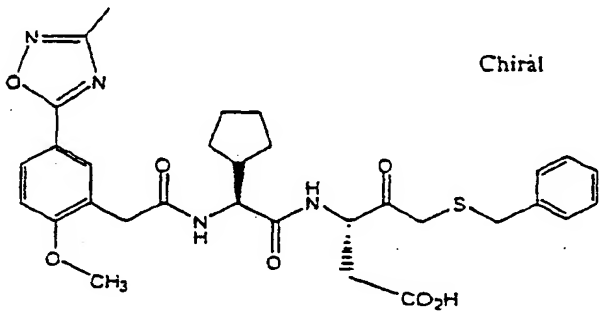
30	 Chiral
31	 Chiral
32	 Chiral
33	 Chiral

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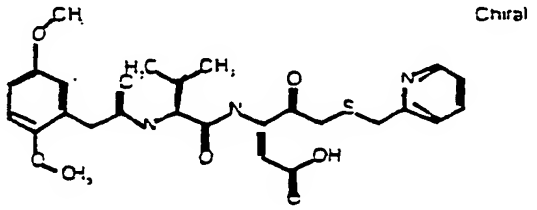
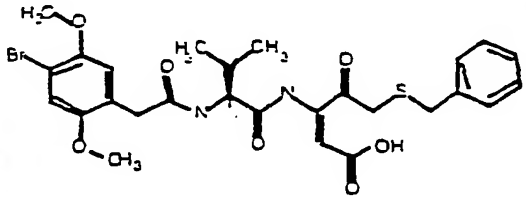
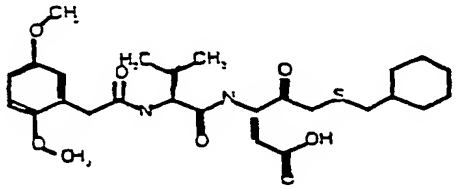
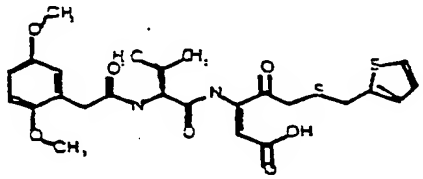
34	 Chiral
35	 Chiral
36	 Chiral
37	 Chiral

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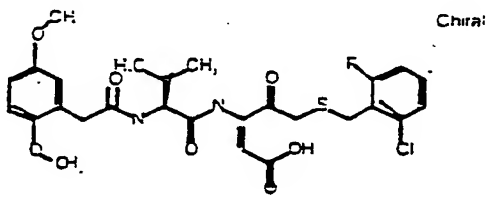
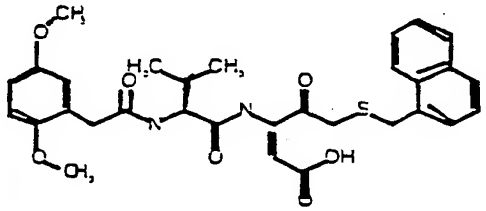
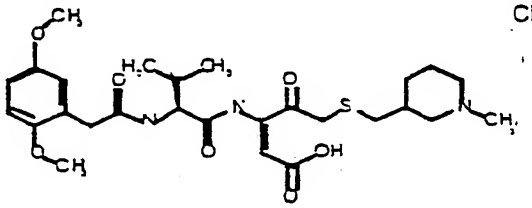
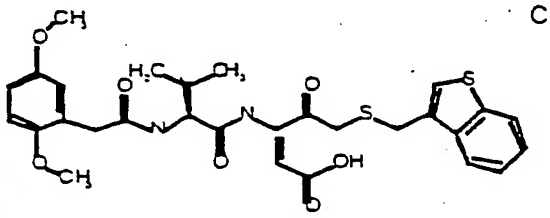
38	 Chiral
39	 Chiral
40	 Chiral
41	 Chiral

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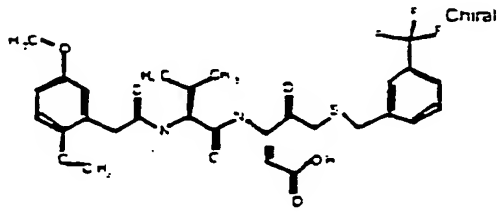
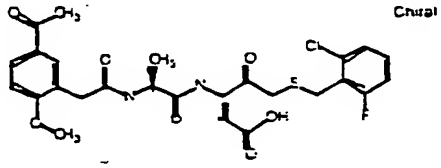
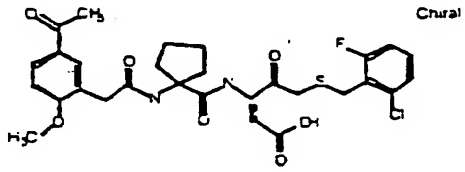
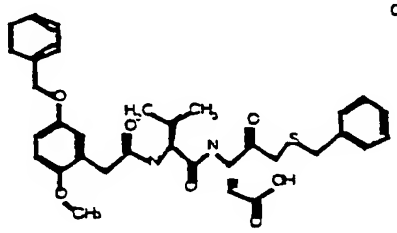
42	
43	
44	
45	

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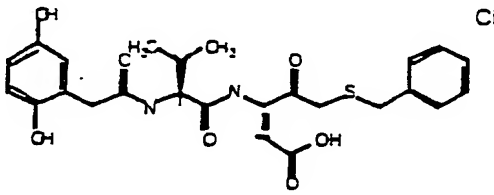
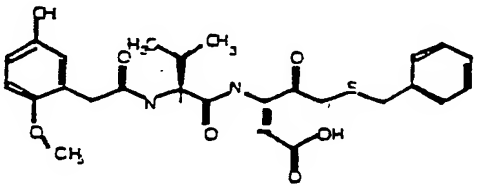
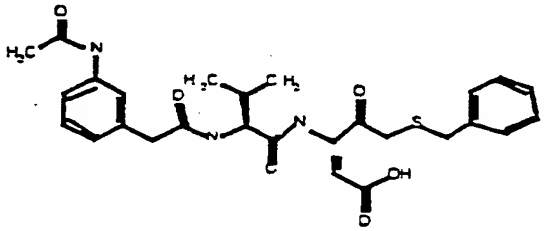
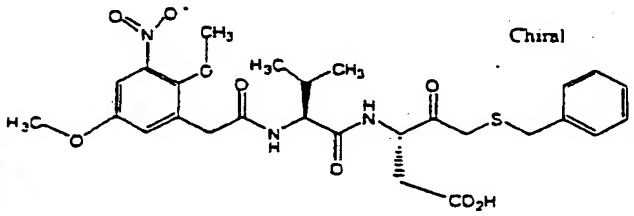
46	 Chiral
47	 Chiral
48	 Chiral
49	 Chiral

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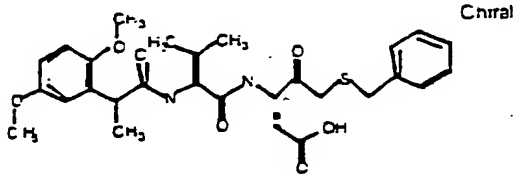
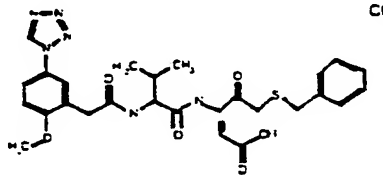
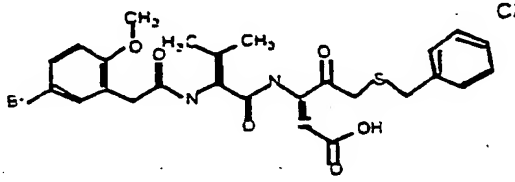
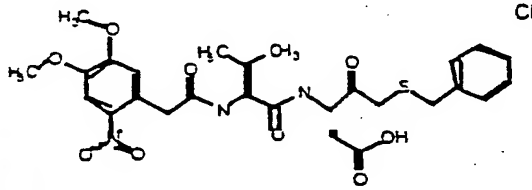
50	 Chiral
51	 Chiral
52	 Chiral
53	 Chiral

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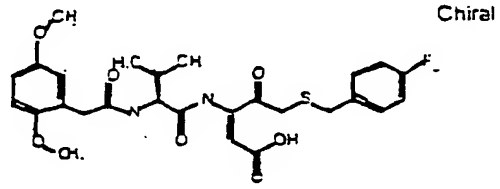
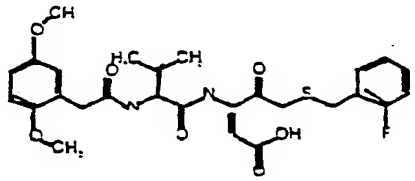
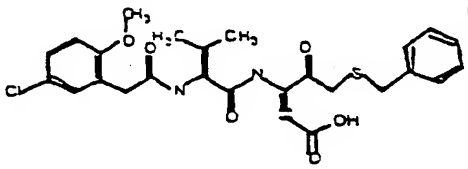
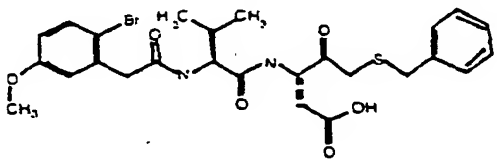
54	 Chiral
55	 Chiral
56	 Chiral
57	 Chiral

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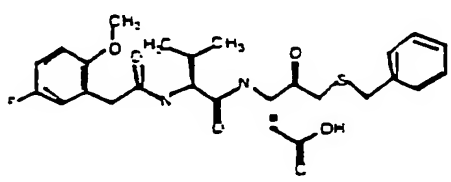
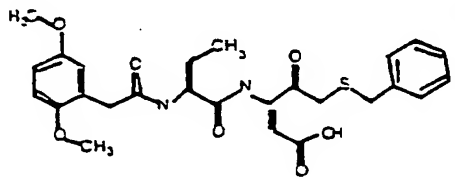
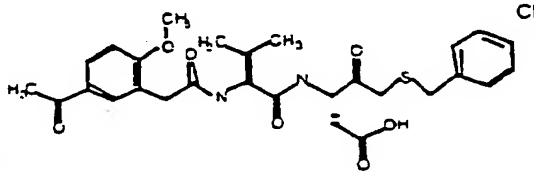
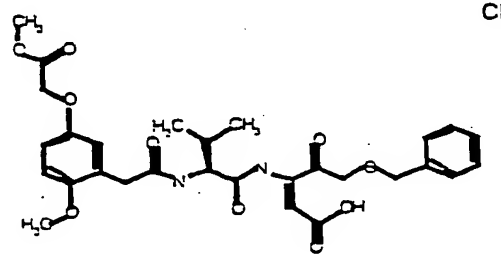
58	 Chiral
59	 Chiral
60	 Chiral
61	 Chiral

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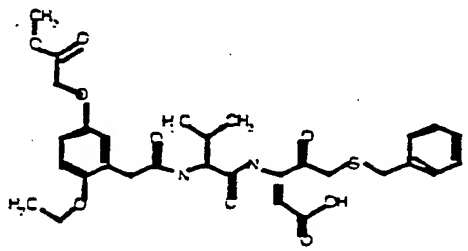
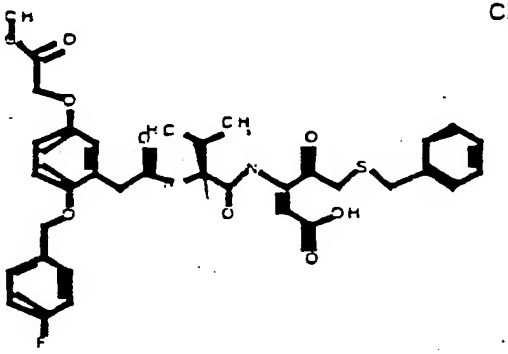
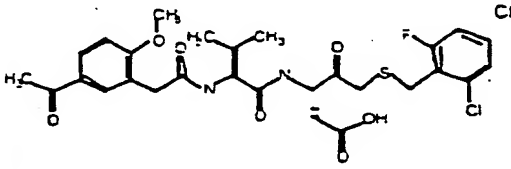
62	Chiral 
63	Chiral 
64	Chiral 

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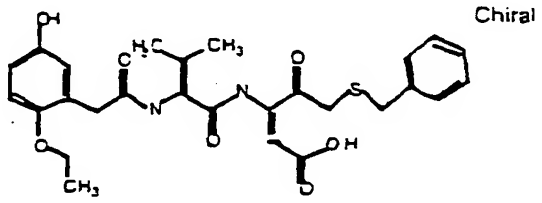
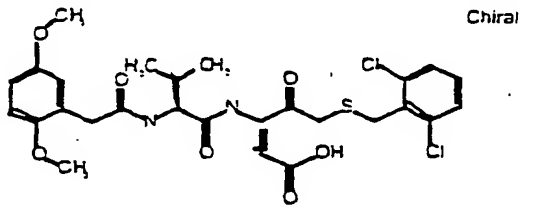
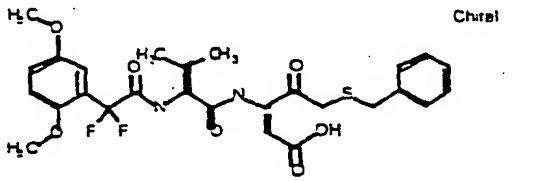
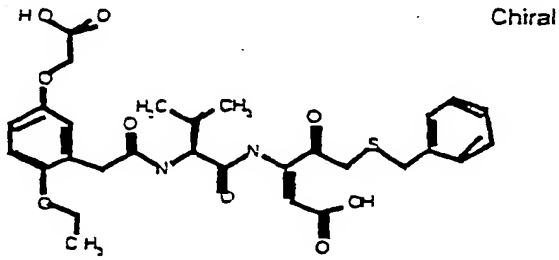
65	 Chiral
66	 Chiral
67	 Chiral
68	 Chiral

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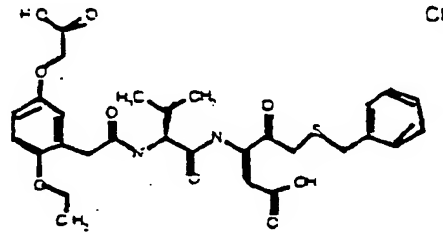
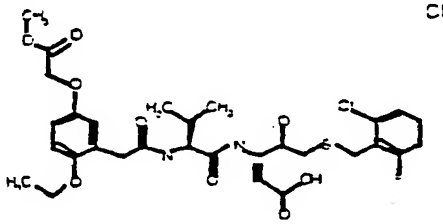
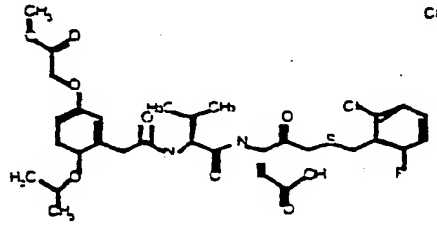
69	 Chiral
70	 Chiral
71	 Chiral

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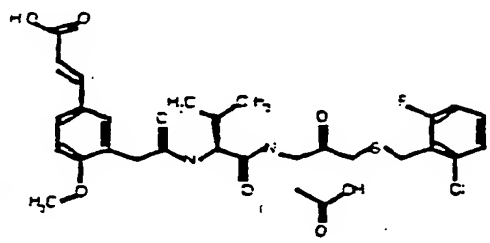
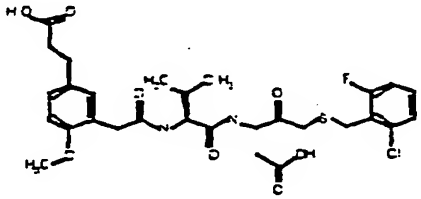
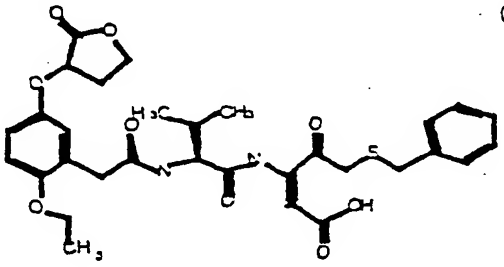
72	 Chiral
73	 Chiral
74	 Chiral

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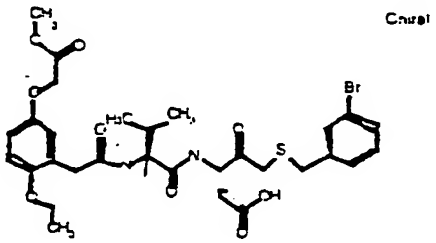
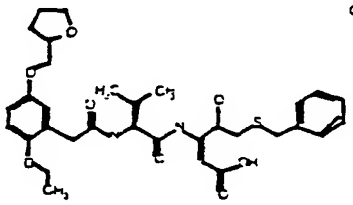
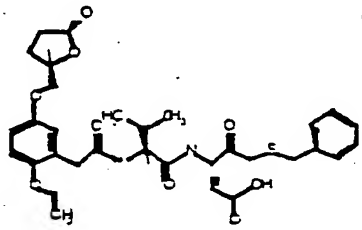
75	
76	
77	

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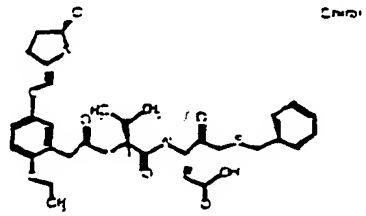
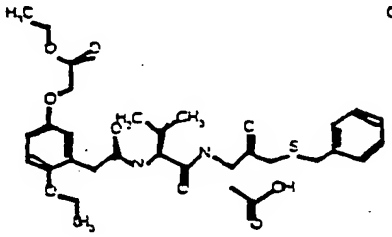
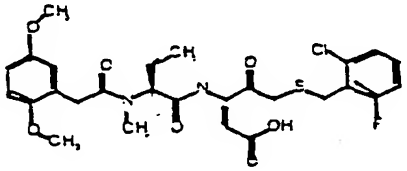
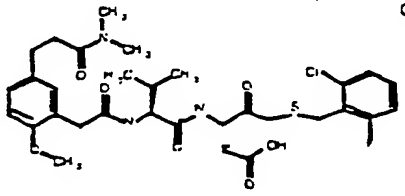
78	
79	
80	
81	

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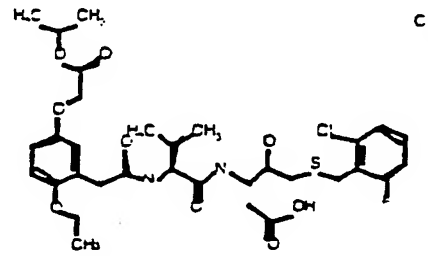
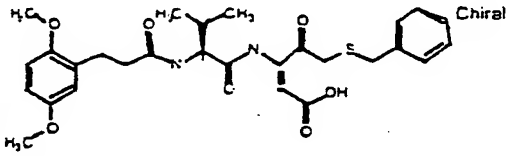
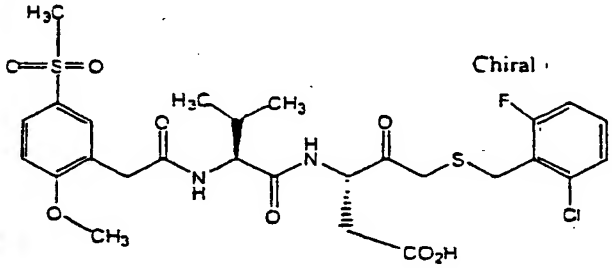
82	 Chiral
83	 Chiral
84	 Chiral

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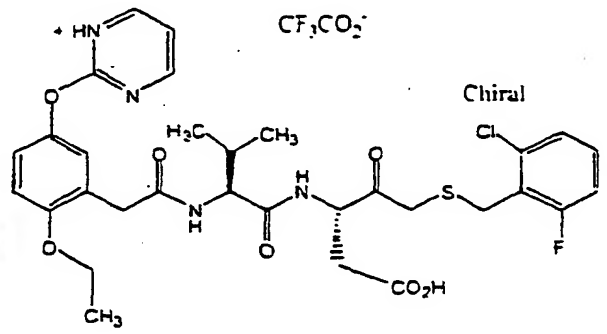
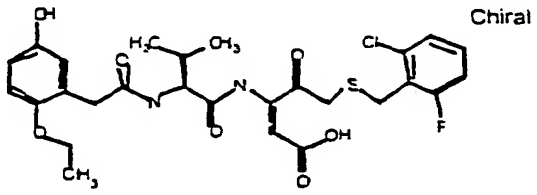
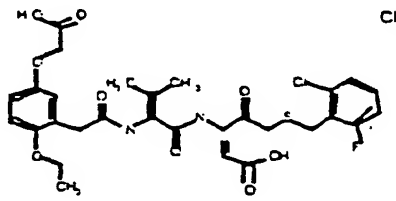
85	
86	
87	

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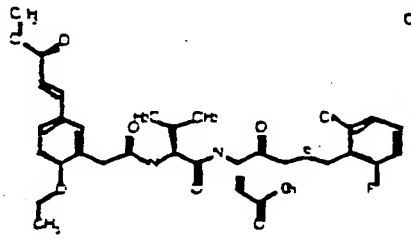
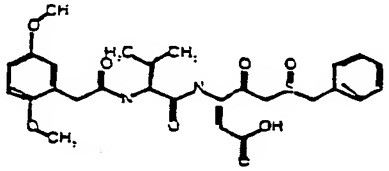
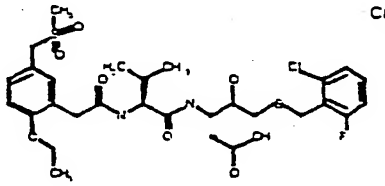
88	 Chiral
89	 Chiral
90	 Chiral

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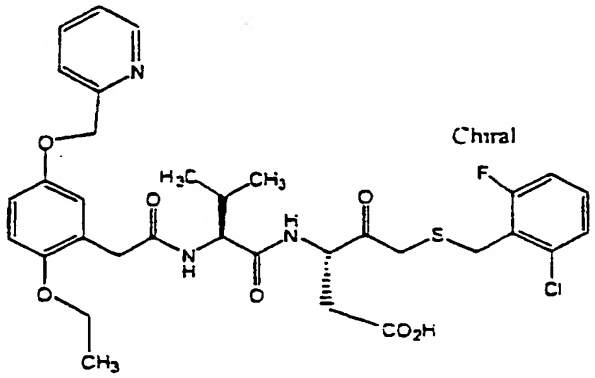
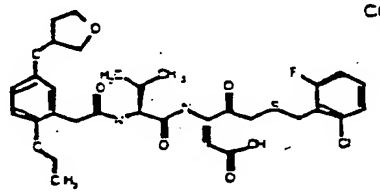
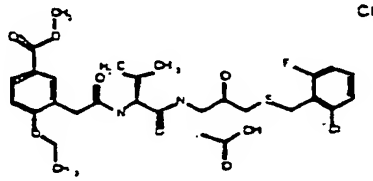
91	
92	
93	

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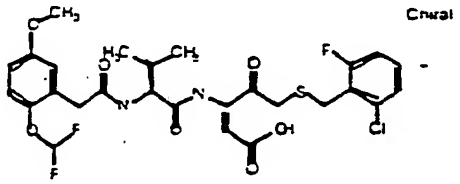
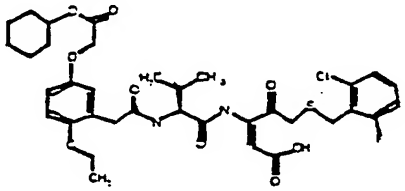
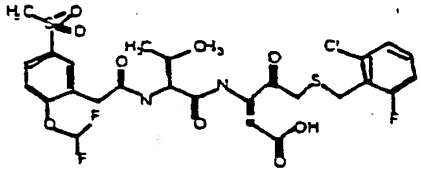
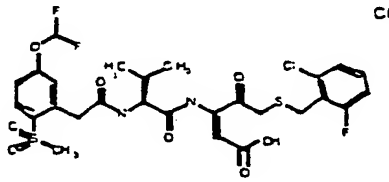
94	 Chiral
95	 Chiral
96	 Chiral
97	 Chiral

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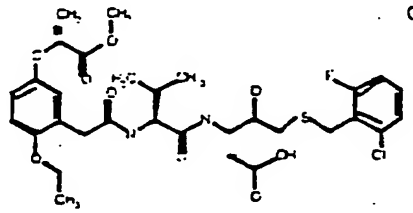
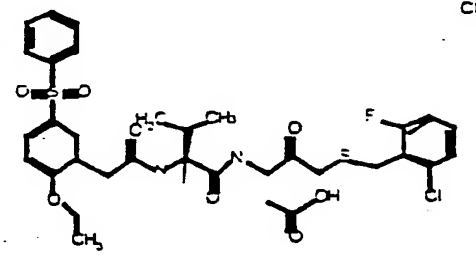
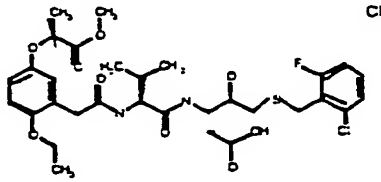
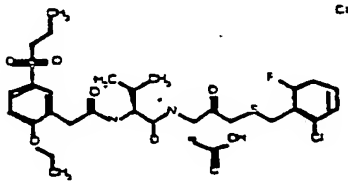
98	 Chiral
99	 Chiral
100	 Chiral
101	 Chiral

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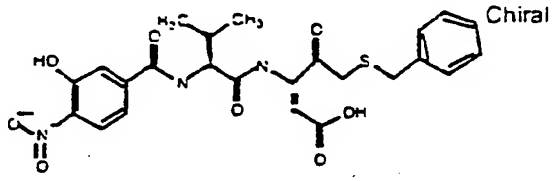
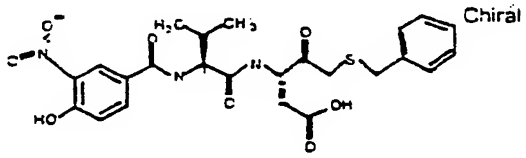
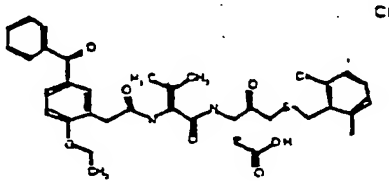
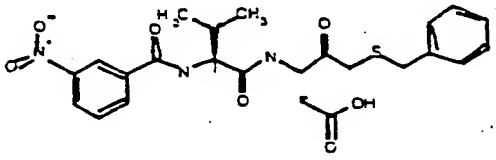
102	 Chiral
103	 Chiral
104	 Chiral
105	 Chiral

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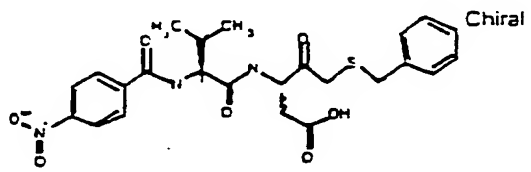
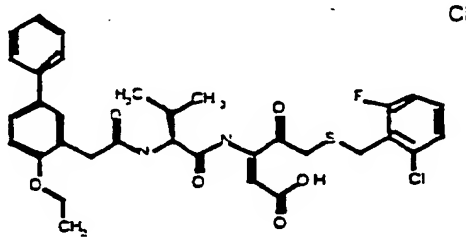
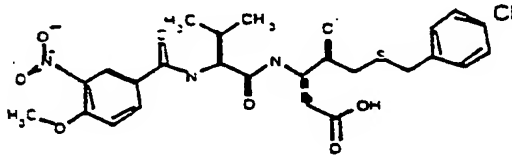
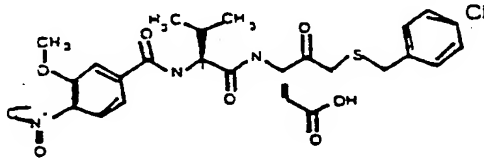
106	 Chiral
107	 Chiral
108	 Chiral
109	 Chiral

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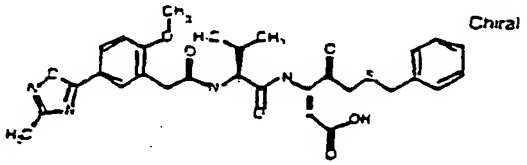
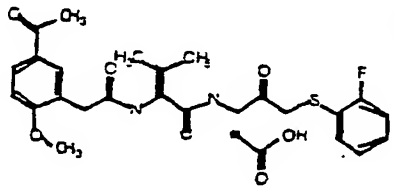
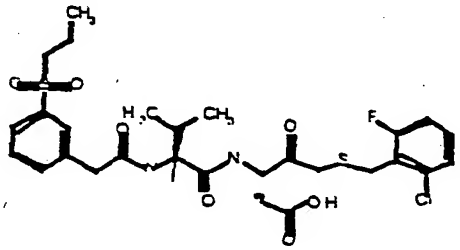
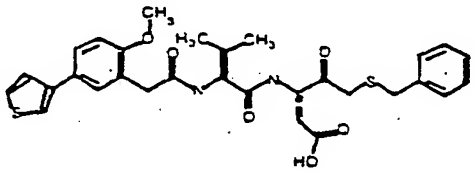
110	 Chiral
111	 Chiral
112	 Chiral
113	

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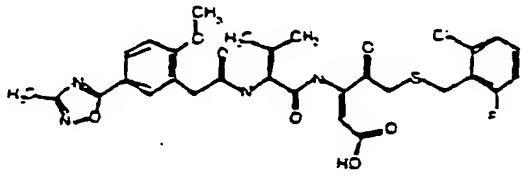
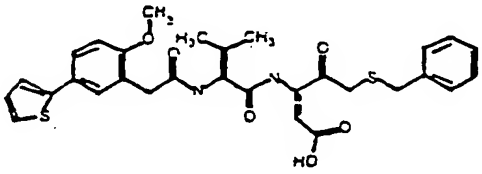
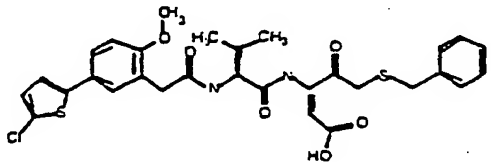
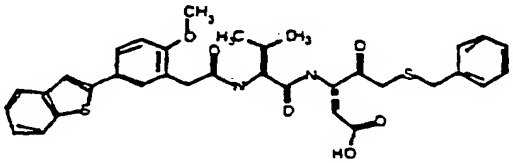
114	
115	
116	
117	

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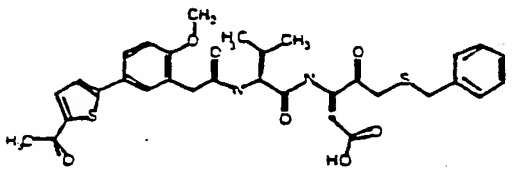
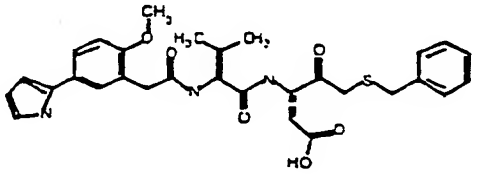
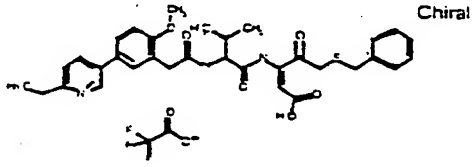
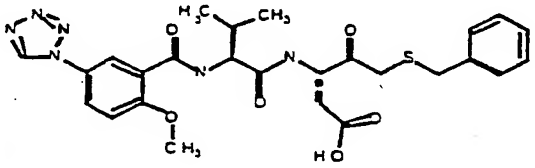
118	
119	
120	
121	

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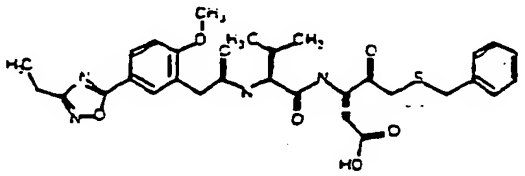
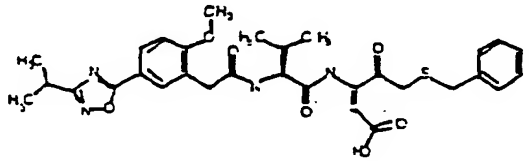
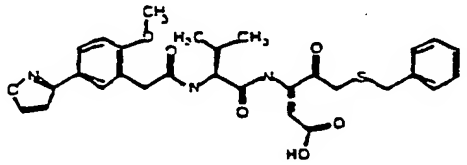
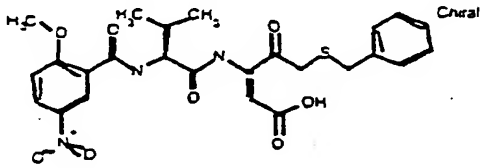
122	
123	
124	
125	

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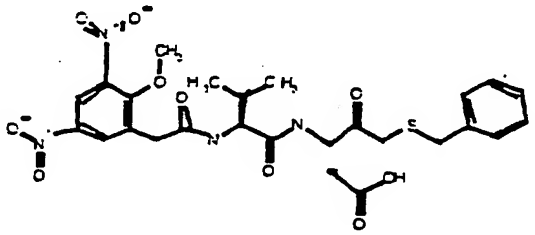
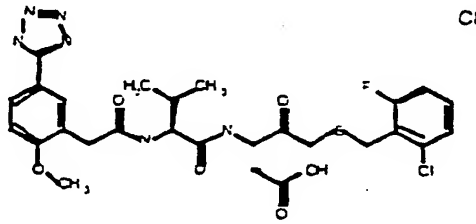
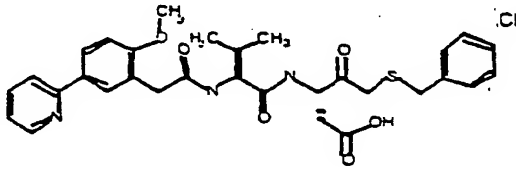
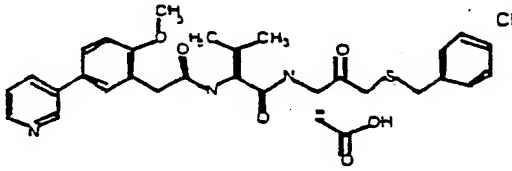
126	 Chiral
127	 Chiral
128	 Chiral
129	 Chiral

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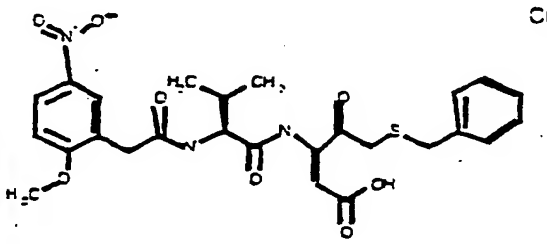
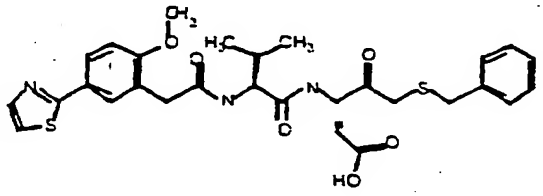
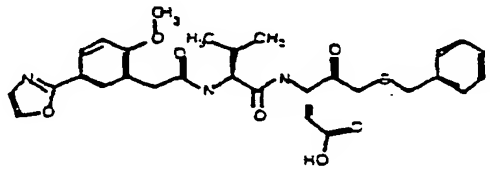
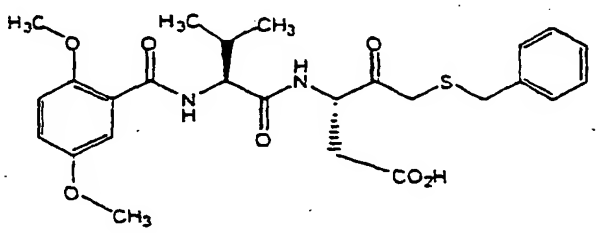
130	 Chiral
131	 Chiral
132	 Chiral
133	 Chiral

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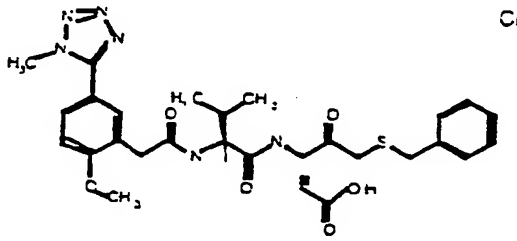
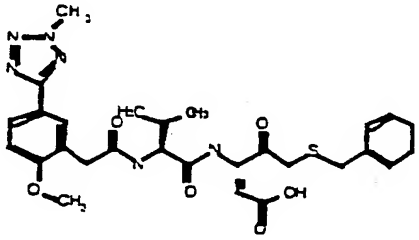
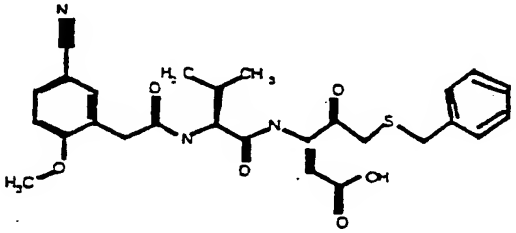
134	 Chiral
135	 Chiral
136	 Chiral

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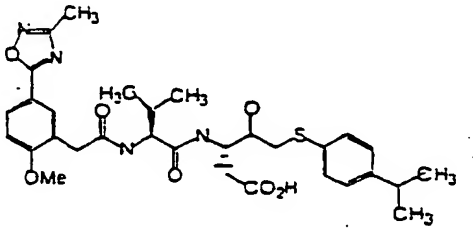
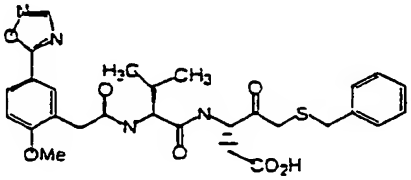
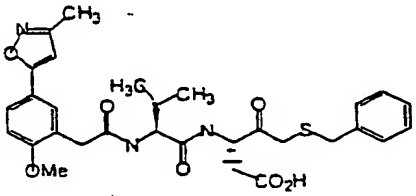
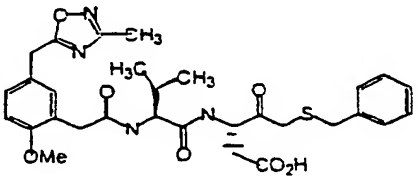
137	
138	
139	
140	

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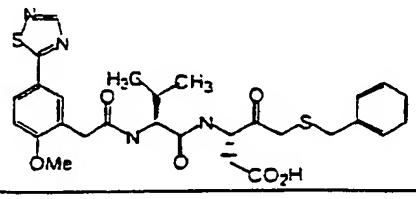
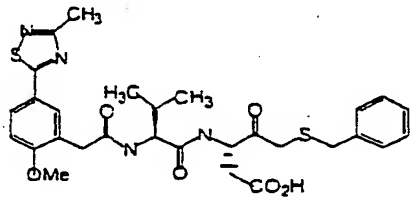
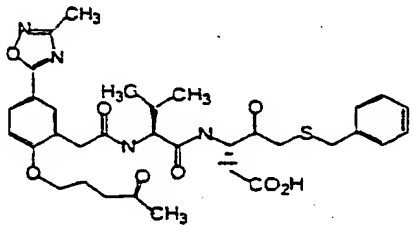
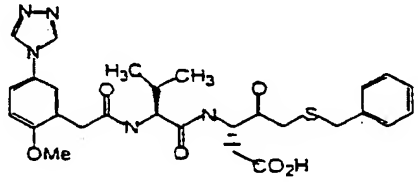
141	
142	
143	
144	

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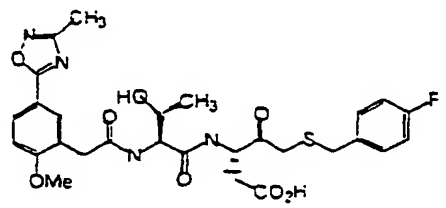
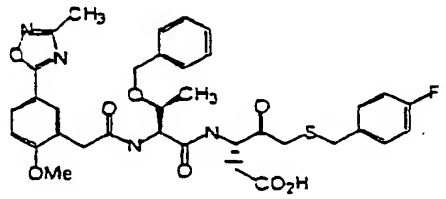
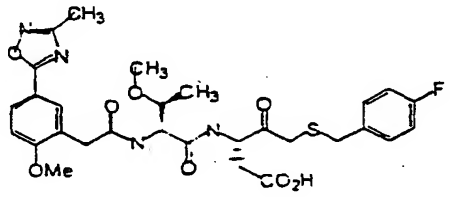
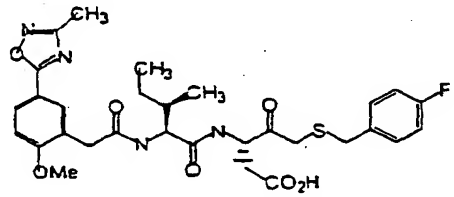
145	
146	
147	
148	

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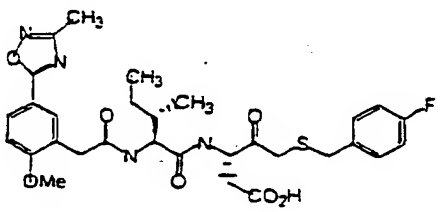
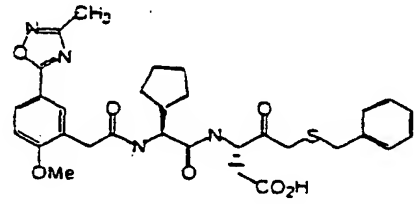
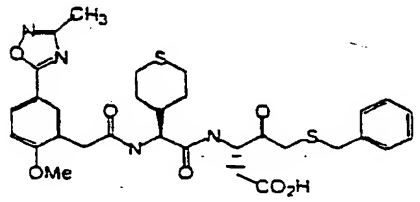
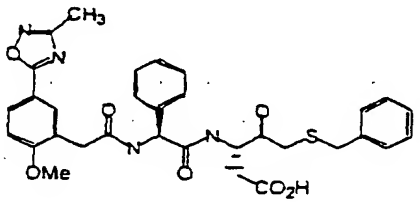
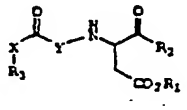
149	
150	
151	
152	

Fig. 2-2(s)

1. A compound having the Formula I:



or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof, wherein:

R_1 is an optionally substituted alkyl or hydrogen;

R_2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl;

R_3 is an alkyl, saturated carbocyclic, partially saturated carbocyclic, aryl, saturated heterocyclic, partially saturated heterocyclic or heteroaryl group, wherein said group is optionally substituted;

X is O, S, NR_4 or $(CR_4R_5)_n$, where R_4 and R_5 are, at each occurrence, independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl and cycloalkyl, and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; or

X is NR_4, and R_3 and R_4 are taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a saturated heterocyclic, partially saturated heterocyclic or heteroaryl group, wherein said group is optionally substituted; or

X is CR_4R_5, and R_2 and R_4 are taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached to form a saturated carbocyclic, partially saturated carbocyclic, aryl, saturated heterocyclic, partially saturated heterocyclic or oxygen-containing heteroaryl group, wherein said group is optionally substituted; and

Y is a residue of a natural or non-natural amino acid;

provided that when X is O, then R_3 is not unsubstituted benzyl or *t*-butyl; and when X is CH_2, then R_3 is not hydrogen.

Fig. 3(a)

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_1 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or acetoxymethyl.

3. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 is hydrogen, fluoromethyl, acyloxymethyl, arylacyloxymethyl, aryloxymethyl, phosphinyloxymethyl, or aminomethyl.

4. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is valine, isoleucine, leucine, alanine, phenylalanine, cyclohexylalanine, 2-aminobutyric acid, phenylglycine or cyclohexylglycine.

5. The compound of claim 1, wherein:
R_3 is optionally substituted alkyl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, saturated heterocyclic, partially saturated heterocyclic, aryl or heteroaryl; and
X is O, S, NR_4 or $(CR_4R_5)_n$, wherein R_4 and R_5 are independently hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl, and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

6. The compound of claim 1 , wherein X is O, NH or CH_2.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, halogen, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group, aryl or heteroaryl.

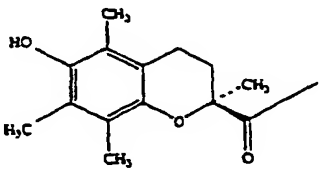
9. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3 is optionally substituted benzyl.

Fig. 3(b)

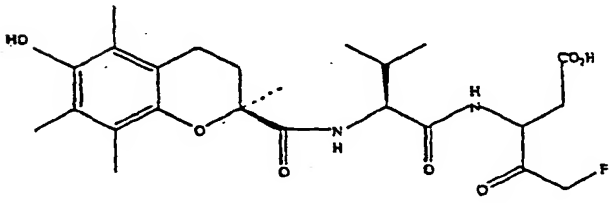
10. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3 is optionally substituted pyridylmethyl.

11. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3–X–C(O)– is an antioxidant group.

12. The compound of claim 11, wherein said antioxidant group is



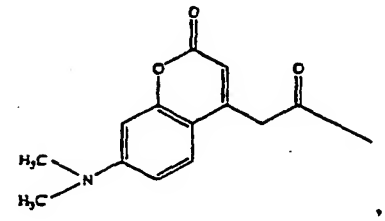
13. The compound of claim 12, wherein said compound is

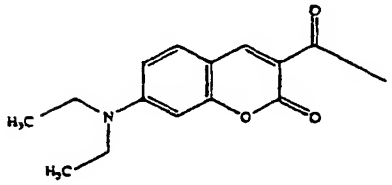


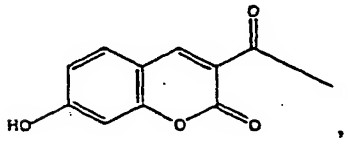
14. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3–X–C(O)– is a fluorescent group.

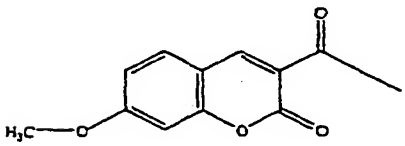
Fig. 3(c)

15. The compound of claim 14, wherein said fluorescent group is









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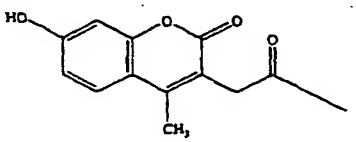
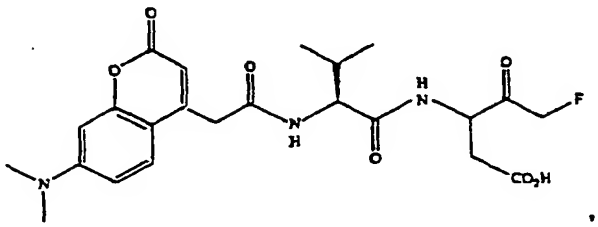
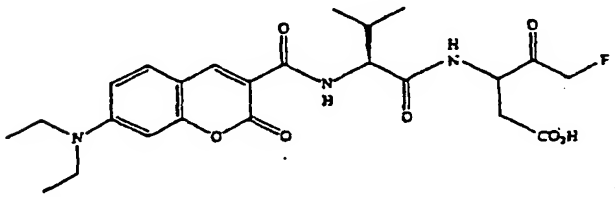
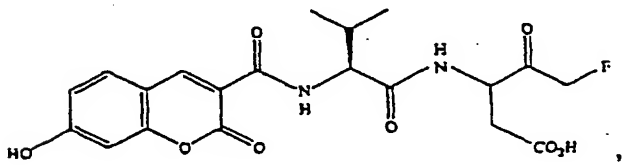


Fig. 3(d)

16. The compound of claim 14, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of







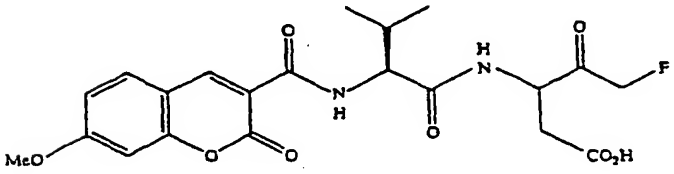


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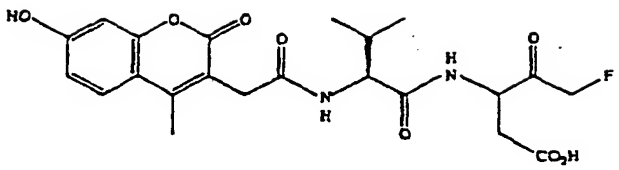
Fig. 3(e)



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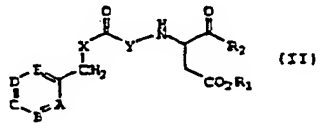


(II)

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof wherein:

R_1 is an optionally substituted alkyl or hydrogen;

R_2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl;

X is O, S, NR_4 or $(CR_4R_5)_n$, wherein R_4 and R_5 are, at each occurrence, independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, and cycloalkyl, and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Y is a residue of a natural or non-natural amino acid;

A is CR_6 or nitrogen;

B is CR_7 or nitrogen;

C is CR_8 or nitrogen;

D is CR_9 or nitrogen;

E is CR_{10} or nitrogen; provided that not more than three of A, B, C, D and E are nitrogen; and R_6-R_{10} independently are hydrogen, halo, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkenyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl(C_2-C_6)alkynyl, C_1-C_6 hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, C_1-C_6 acylamino, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 acyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, alkylthio, or carboxy; or

Fig. 3(f)

one of R_6 and R_7, or R_7 and R_8, or R_8 and R_9, or R_9 and R_{10} are taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached to form a carbocycle or heterocycle, selected from the group consisting of —OCH_2O—, —OCF_2O—, —$(CH_2)_3$—, —$(CH_2)_4$—, —OCH_2CH_2O—, —$CH_2N(R_{13})CH_2$—, —$CH_2CH_2N(R_{13})CH_2$—, —$CH_2N(R_{13})CH_2CH_2$—, –$N(R_{13})$–CH=CH–, –CH=CH–$N(R_{13})$–, –O–CH=CH–, –CH=CH–O–, –S–CH=CH–, –CH=CH–S–, –N=CH–CH=CH–, –CH=N–CH=CH–, –CH=CH–N=CH–, –CH=CH–CH=N–, –N=CH–CH=N–, and —CH=CH—CH=CH—; wherein R_{13} is hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl;
provided that when X is O, A is CR_6, B is CR_7, C is CR_8, D is CR_9 and E is CR_{10}, then at least one of the R_6-R_{10} is not hydrogen.

18. The compound of claim 17, wherein R_1 is hydrogen, fluoromethyl, acyloxymethyl, arylacyloxymethyl, aryloxymethyl, phosphinyloxymethyl, or aminomethyl.

19. The compound of claim 17, wherein R_1 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or acetoxymethyl.

20. The compound of claim 17, wherein Y is valine, isoleucine, leucine, alanine, phenylalanine, cyclohexylalanine, 2-aminobutyric acid, phenylglycine or cyclohexylglycine.

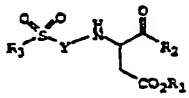
21. The compound of claim 17, wherein X is O, A is CR_6, B is CR_7, C is CR_8, D is CR_9, and E is CR_{10}.

22. The compound of claim 17, wherein X is O, and one of A, B, C, D or E is nitrogen.

Fig. 3(g)

23. The compound of claim 17, wherein X is CH_2, A is CR_6, B is CR_7, C is CR_8, D is CR_9 and E is CR_{10}.

24. A compound having the Formula III:



(III)

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof, wherein:
R_1 is an optionally substituted alkyl or hydrogen;
R_2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl;
R_3 is an alkyl, saturated carbocyclic, partially saturated carbocyclic, aryl, saturated heterocyclic, partially saturated heterocyclic or heteroaryl group, wherein said group is optionally substituted; and
Y is a residue of a natural or non-natural amino acid.

25. The compound of claim 24, wherein R_1 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or acetoxymethyl.

26. The compound of claim 24, wherein R_2 is hydrogen, fluoromethyl, acyloxymethyl, arylacyloxymethyl, aryloxymethyl, phosphinyloxymethyl, or aminomethyl.

27. The compound of claim 24, wherein Y is valine, isoleucine, leucine, alanine, phenylalanine, cyclohexylalanine, 2-aminobutyric acid, phenylglycine or cyclohexylglycine.

Fig. 3(h)

28. The compound of claim 24, wherein R_3 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl.

29. The compound of claim 24, wherein R_3 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, halogen C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic group, aryl or heteroaryl.

30. The compound of claim 24, wherein R_3 is methylphenyl or dimethylaminonaphthyl.

31. The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

2-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Phenethoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Cyclohexylmethoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Methoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Ethoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Isopropyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
2-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Ile-Asp-fmk,
3-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Ile-Asp-fmk,
4-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Ile-Asp-fmk,
Phenylacetyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
2,5-Dimethylbenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3,4-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3,5-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
2,5-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
2,6-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,

Fig. 3(i)

2,4-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
2,4-Dimethylbenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Ethylbenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Bromobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Fluorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Cyclopentylmethoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Trifluoromethylbenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3-Phenylpropionyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Benzylaminocarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3-Phenylpropyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
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3,4-Difluorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Morpholinecarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
4-Pyridylmethoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
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2,6-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-DCB-methylketone,
Isobutoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Propionyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Benzyl-glutaryl-Val-Asp-fmk,
Glutaryl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3-(2-Phenyloxyphenyl)propionyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3-(5-Bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)propionyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3-Fluorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
2-Fluorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
3-Methylbenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk,
2-Chloro-4-fluorobenzyloxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk, and
2-Naphthylmethoxycarbonyl-Val-Asp-fmk.

32. The compound of claim 24, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

p-Toluenesulfonyl-Val-Asp-fmk, and
p-Toluenesulfonyl-Phe-Asp-fmk.

Fig. 3(j)

Table 1

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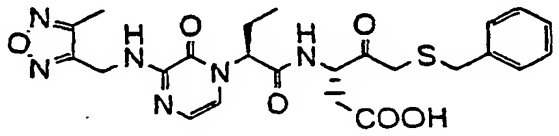
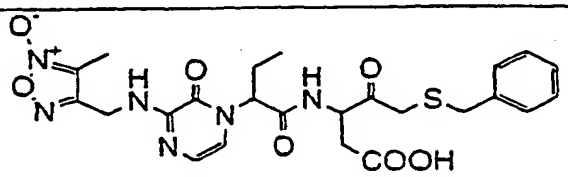
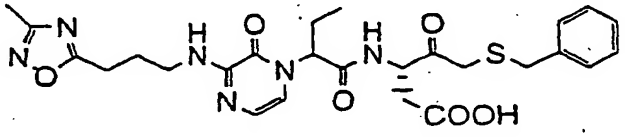
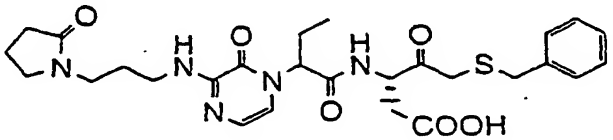
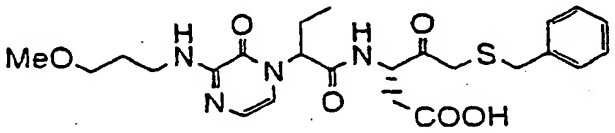
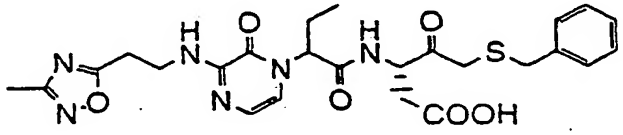
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

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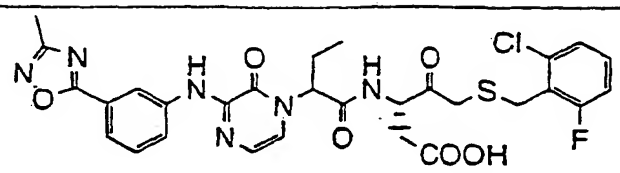
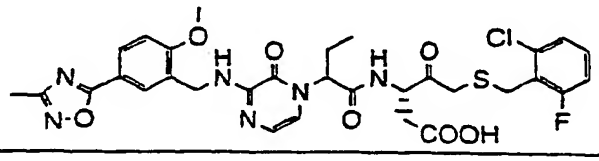
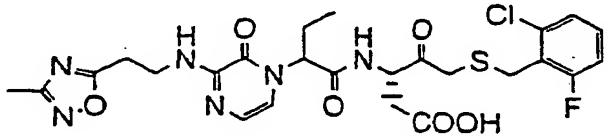
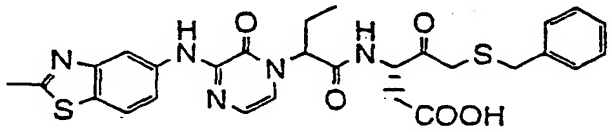
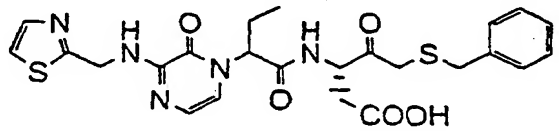
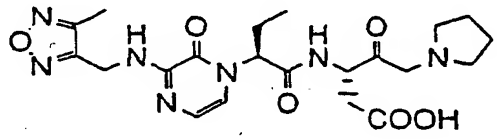
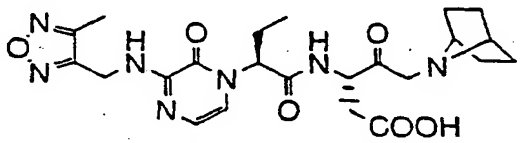
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	

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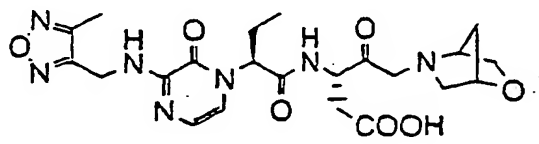
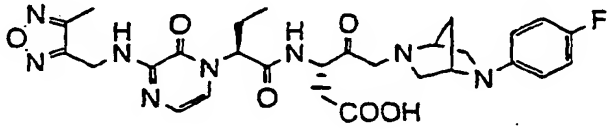
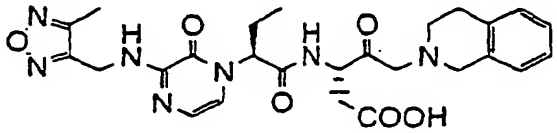
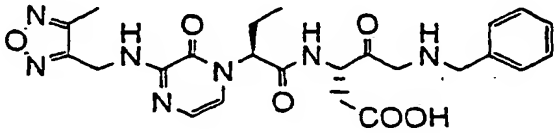
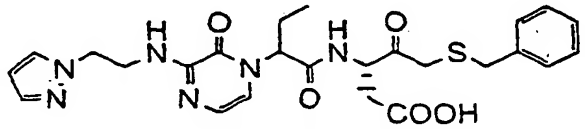
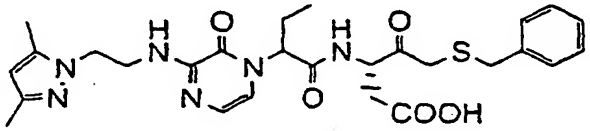
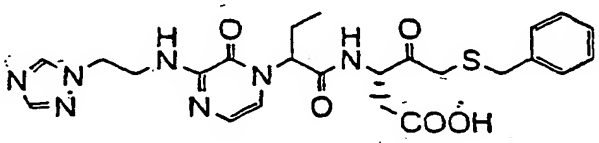
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	

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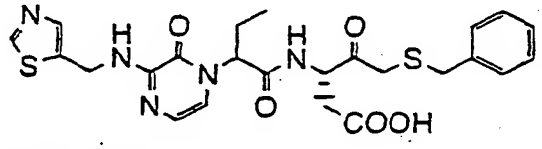
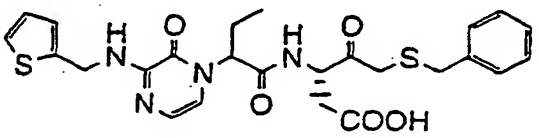
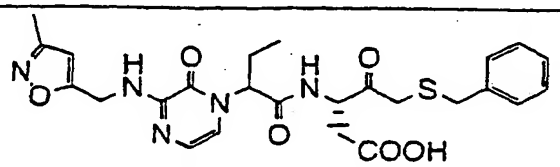
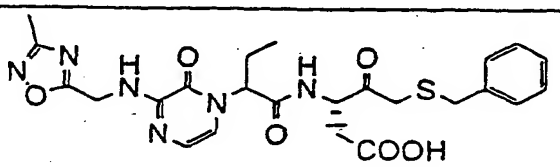
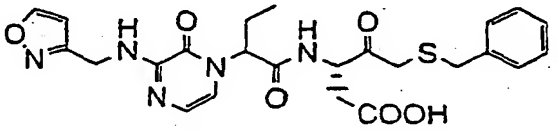
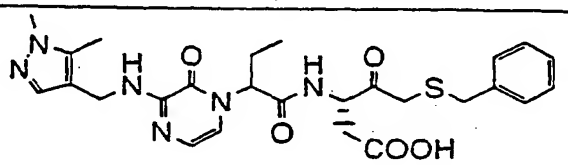
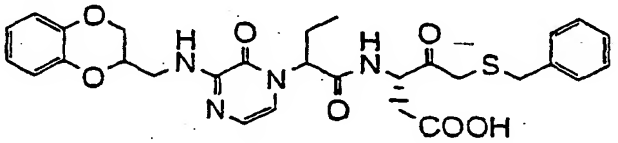
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	

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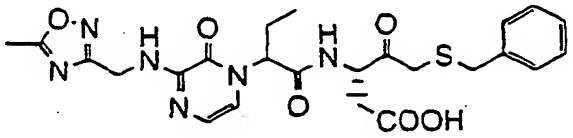
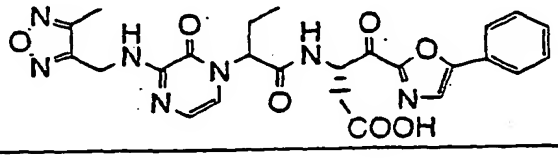
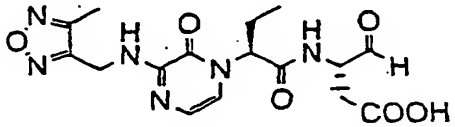
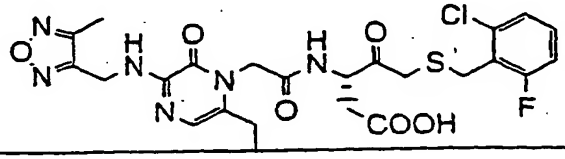
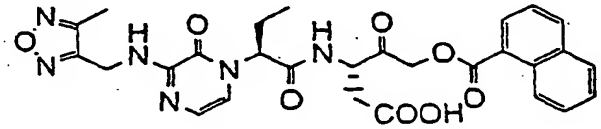
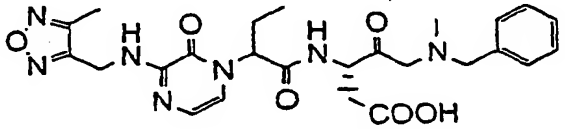
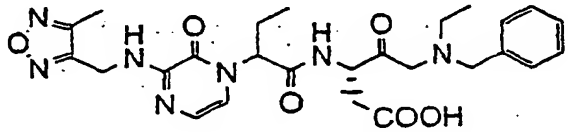
28	
29	
30	
31	
32	
33	
34	

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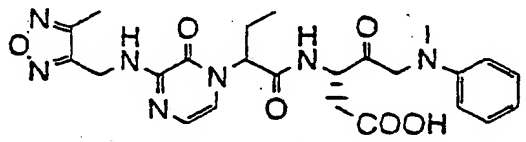
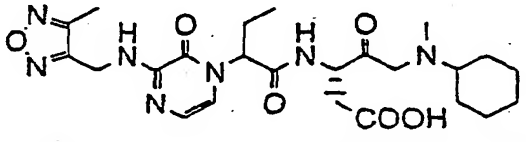
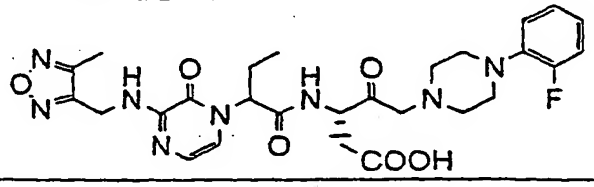
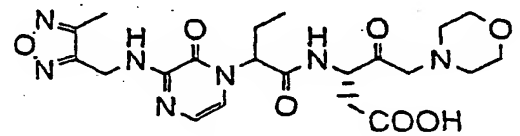
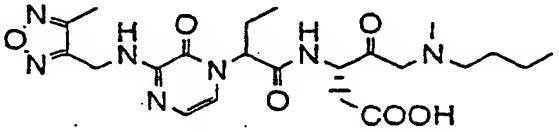
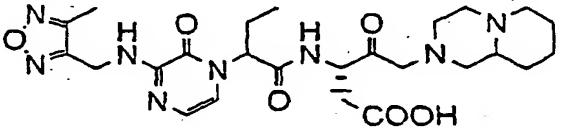
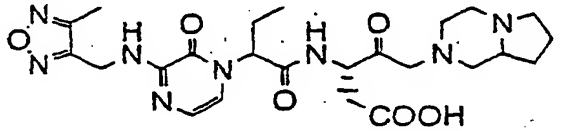
35	
36	
37	
38	
39	
40	
41	

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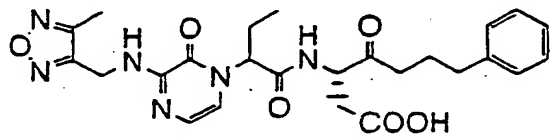
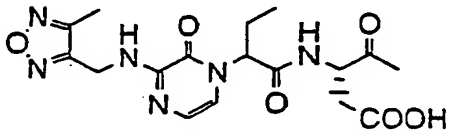
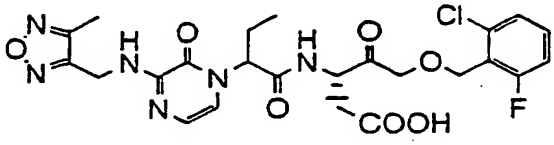
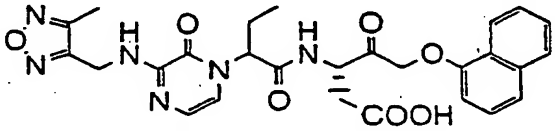
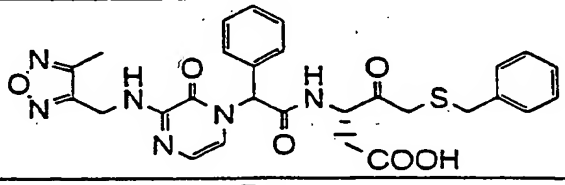
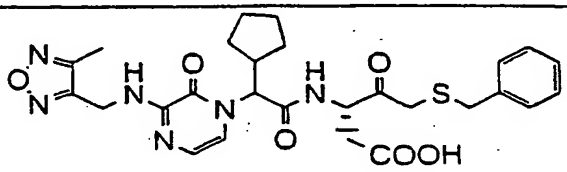
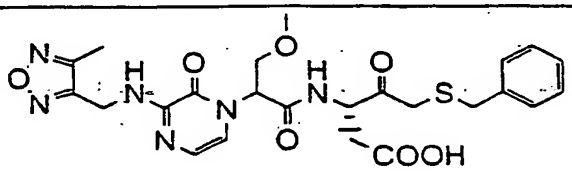
42	
43	
44	
45	
46	
47	
48	

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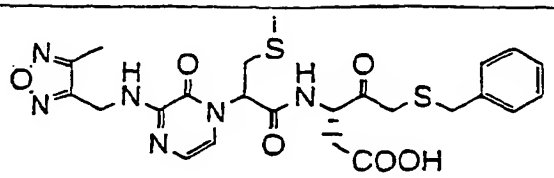
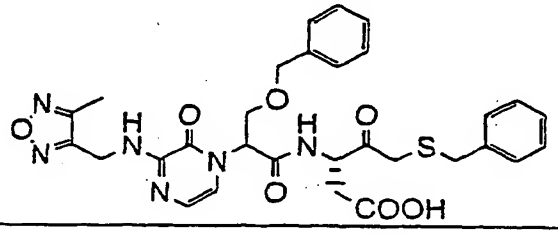
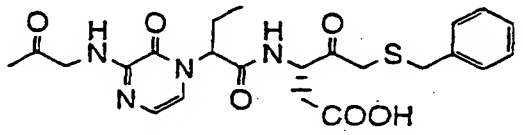
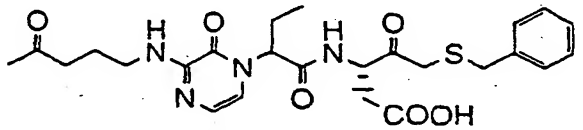
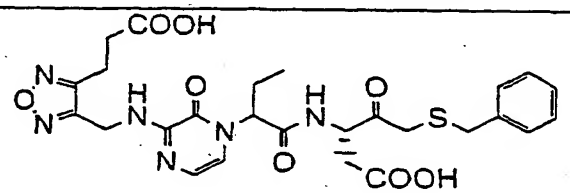
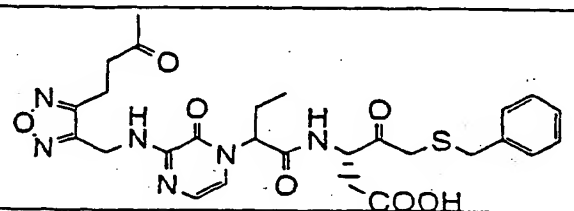
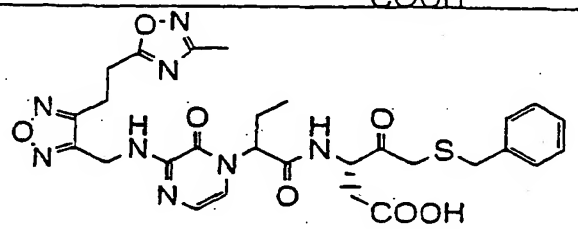
49	
50	
51	
52	
53	
54	
55	

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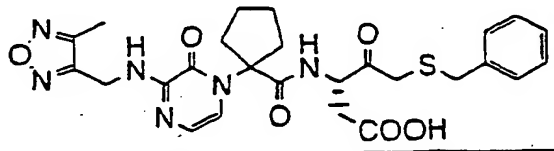
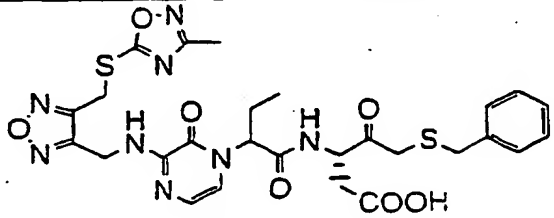
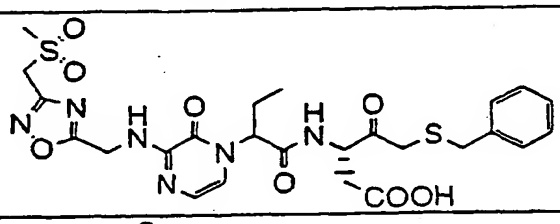
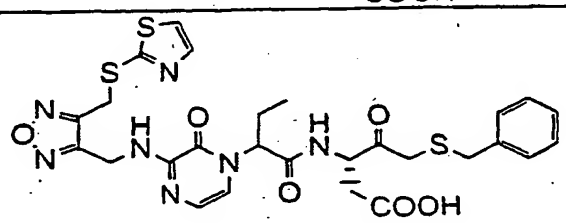
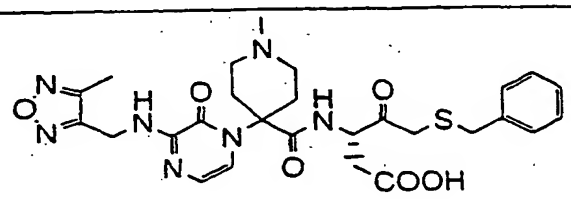
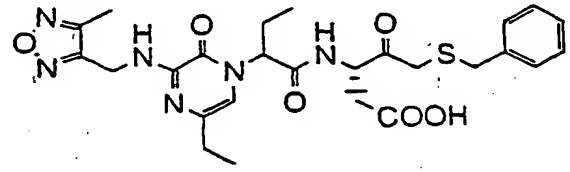
56	
57	
58	
59	
60	
61	

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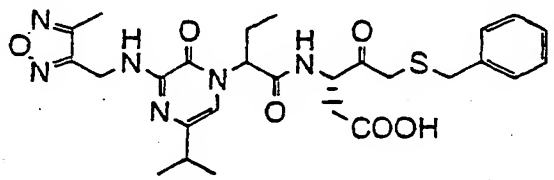
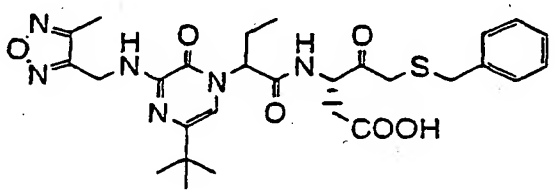
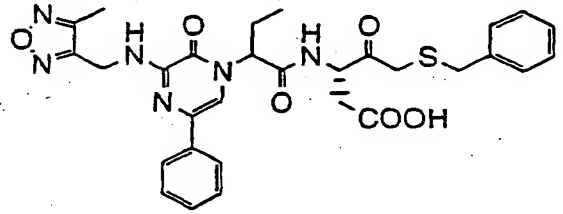
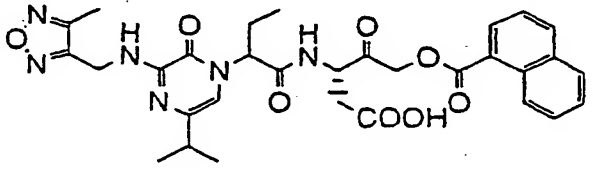
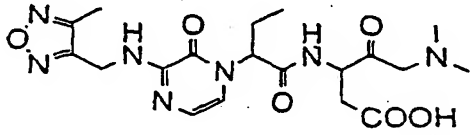
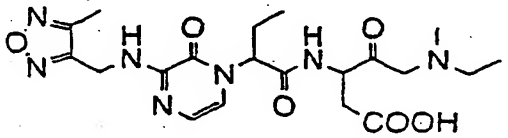
62	
63	
64	
65	
66	
67	

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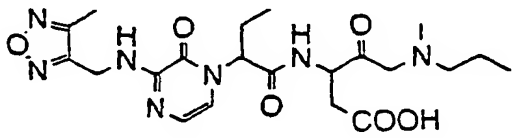
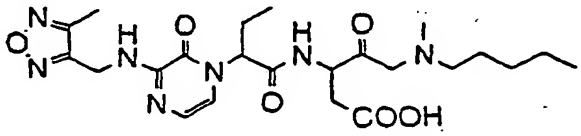
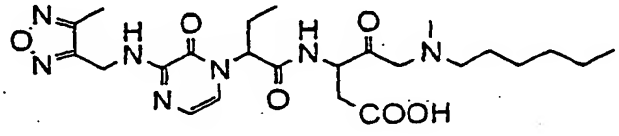
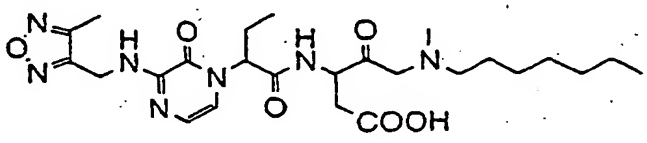
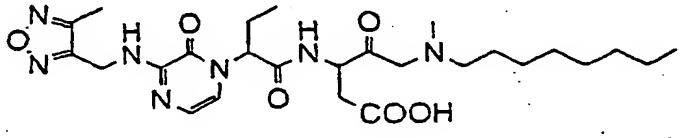
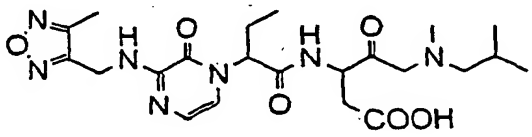
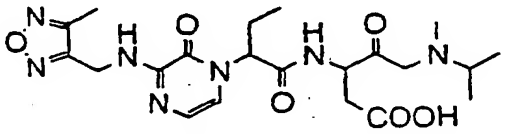
68	
69	
70	
71	
72	
73	
75	

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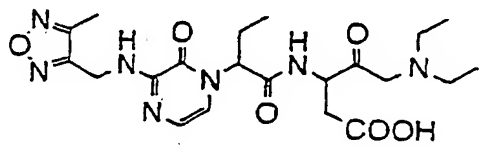
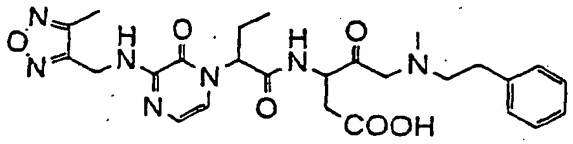
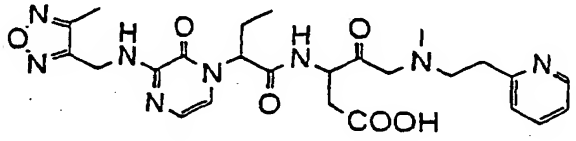
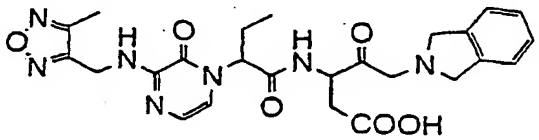
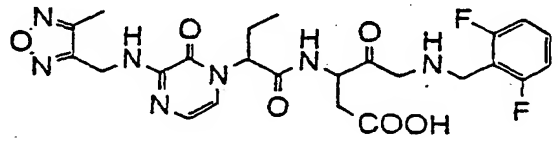
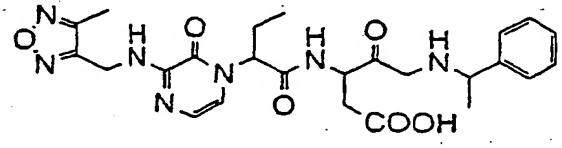
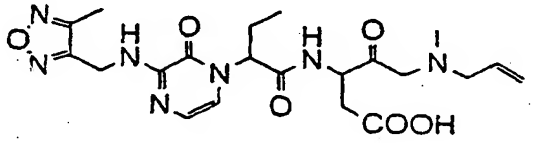
76	
77	
78	
79	
80	
81	
82	

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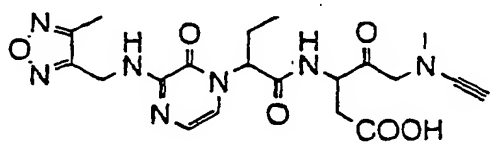
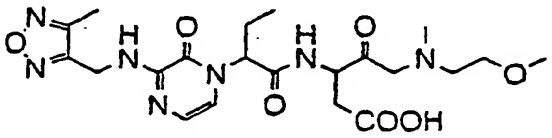
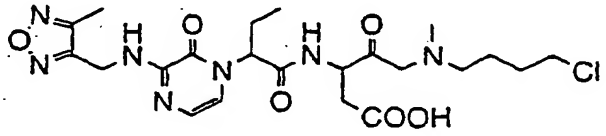
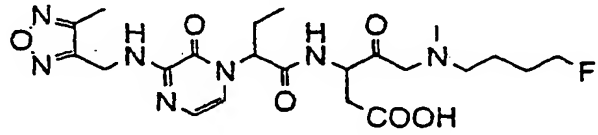
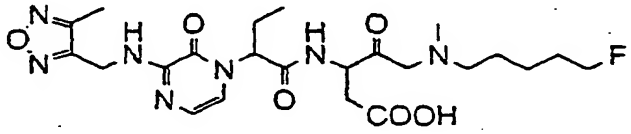
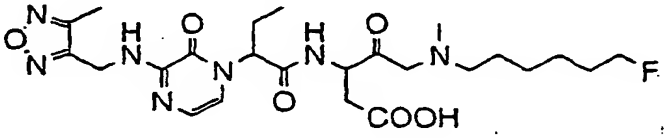
83	
84	
85	
86	
87	
88	

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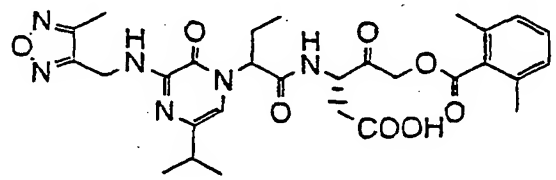
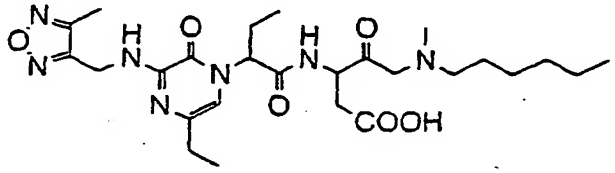
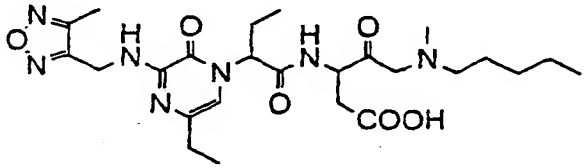
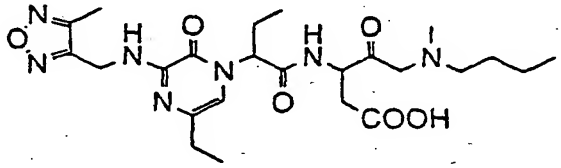
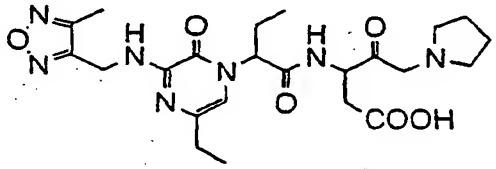
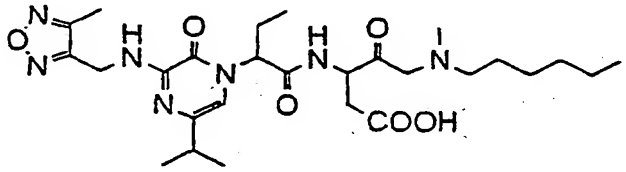
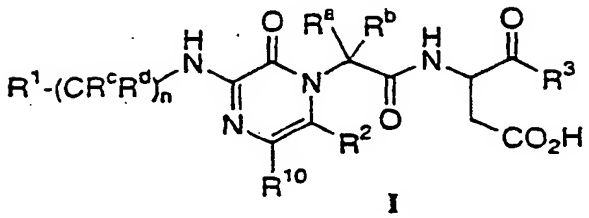
89	
90	
91	
92	
93	
94	

Fig. 4(n)

1. A compound represented by formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, N-oxide or hydrate thereof wherein:

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of:
OH, C_{1-6}alkyl, HET, Aryl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, NH_2, NHC_{1-6}alkyl, $N(C_{1-6}$ alkyl$)_2$, C_{1-6} alkylC(O), C_{1-6} alkylS(O)$_y$, Aryl-S(O)$_y$, HET- S(O)$_y$ wherein y is 0, 1 or 2, , Aryl-C(O) and HET-C(O),

the alkyl and alkyl portions of which being optionally substituted with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, Aryl1, HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H, CF_3 and C_{1-4}-acyl;

Aryl represents a C_{6-14}aromatic 1-3 ring system optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkyl, OC_{1-6} alkyl, Aryl1, HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CF_3, CO_2H and C_{1-4}acyl;

Aryl1 represents a C_{6-14} membered aromatic ring system having 1-3 rings and optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H and C_{1-4}-acyl;

HET represents a 5 to 15 membered aromatic, partially aromatic or non-aromatic ring system, containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups and 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, CF_3 and C_{1-4}acyl;

FIG.4(o)

R^a and R^b independently represent a member selected from the group consisting of: H, Aryl, C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted by 1-3 of halo, OR^4, SR^4 and C_{5-7}cycloalkyl optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5,

or in the alternative, R^a and R^b are taken in combination and represent a non-aromatic carbocyclic 4-7 membered ring, optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-5}alkyl, Aryl and Aryl-C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^5 is H, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-4}acyl;

R^c and R^d each independently represents a member selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-6}alkyl and Aryl, or in the alternative, R^c and R^d are taken in combination and represent a non-aromatic carbocyclic ring of 3-7 members, optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5;

n is an integer from 0-6 inclusive;

R^2 represents H, halo or C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^3 represents H, C_{1-6}alkyl, Aryl, HET, C_{1-6}alkylSR^6, C_{1-6}alkylOR^6, C_{1-6}alkyl$OC(O)R^7$ or C_{1-6}alkylNR^8R^9;

R^6 represents C_{1-6}alkyl, Aryl, HET or Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl, said alkyl and the alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H, CF_3 and C_{1-4} acyl;

R^7 represents C_{1-8}alkyl, Aryl or HET;

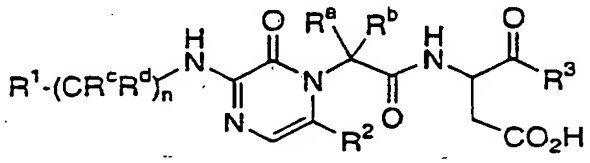
R^8 and R^9 independently represent H, C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl, HET, C_{1-6}alkyl$N(C_{1-6}alkyl)_{0-2}$, Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl , C_{1-6}alkylOH, or C_{1-6}alkylOC_{1-6}alkyl , or R^8 and R^9 are taken in combination with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and represent a 3-10 membered ring system containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S, N and optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups, and 1-3 groups selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, HET, CO_2R^c and $C(O)N(R^c)_2$,

FIG.4(p)

said alkyl and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-3}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl and Aryl[1], and

R^{10} represents H, C_{1-20} alkyl, aryl or HET, with aryl and HET as previously described.

2. A compound represented by formula I':



I'

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, N-oxide or hydrate thereof wherein:

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of:
OH, C_{1-6}alkyl, HET, Aryl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, NH_2, NHC_{1-6}alkyl, $N(C_{1-6}$ alkyl$)_2$, C_{1-6} alkylC(O), C_{1-6} alkylS(O)$_y$, Aryl-S(O)$_y$, HET- S(O)$_y$ wherein y is 0, 1 or 2, , Aryl-C(O) and HET-C(O),

the alkyl and alkyl portions of which being optionally substituted with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, Aryl[1], HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H, CF_3 and C_{1-4}-acyl;

Aryl represents a C_{6-14}aromatic 1-3 ring system optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkyl, OC_{1-6} alkyl, Aryl[1], HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CF_3, CO_2H and C_{1-4}acyl;

Aryl[1] represents a C_{6-14} membered aromatic ring system having 1-3 rings and optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H and C_{1-4}-acyl;

HET represents a 5 to 15 membered aromatic, partially aromatic or non-aromatic ring system, containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and

FIG.4(q)

optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups and 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, CF_3 and C_{1-4}acyl;

R^a and R^b independently represent a member selected from the group consisting of: H, Aryl, C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted by 1-3 of halo, OR^4, SR^4 and C_{5-7}cycloalkyl optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5,

or in the alternative, R^a and R^b are taken in combination and represent a non-aromatic carbocyclic 4-7 membered ring, optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-5}alkyl, Aryl and Aryl-C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^5 is H or C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^c and R^d each independently represents a member selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-6}alkyl and Aryl, or in the alternative, R^c and R^d are taken in combination and represent a non-aromatic carbocyclic ring of 3-7 members, optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5;

n is an integer from 0-6 inclusive;

R^2 represents H, halo or C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^3 represents H, C_{1-6}alkyl, Aryl, HET, C_{1-6}alkylSR^6, C_{1-6}alkylOR^6, C_{1-6}alkyl$OC(O)R^7$ or C_{1-6}alkylNR^8R^9;

R^6 represents C_{1-6}alkyl, Aryl, HET or Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl, said alkyl and the alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H, CF_3 and C_{1-4} acyl;

R^7 represents C_{1-8}alkyl, Aryl or HET;

R^8 and R^9 independently represent H, C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl, HET, C_{1-6}alkyl$N(C_{1-6}alkyl)_{0-2}$, Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl , C_{1-6}alkylOH, or C_{1-6}alkylOC_{1-6}alkyl , or R^8 and R^9 are taken in combination with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and

FIG.4(r)

represent a 3-10 membered ring system containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S, N and optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups, and 1-3 groups selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, HET, CO_2R^c and $C(O)N(R^c)_2$,

said alkyl and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-3}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl and Aryl1.

3. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^1 represents HET or Aryl,

said HET representing a 5 to 15 membered aromatic, partially aromatic or non-aromatic ring or ring system, containing from 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from oxo, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl C_{1-4}alkoxy and C_{1-4}acyl, and

said Aryl being selected from phenyl and naphthyl, and being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, Aryl', HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H and C_{1-4}-acyl.

4. A compound in accordance with claim 3 wherein R^1 represents HET optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from oxo, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy and C_{1-4}acyl.

5. A compound in accordance with claim 4 wherein R^1 represents HET substituted with 1-2 groups selected from oxo, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy and C_{1-4}acyl.

6. A compound in accordance with claim 5 wherein R^1 represents HET selected from the group consisting of: pyridinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrrolyl, furanyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, oxathiazolyl, thiazolyl, benzothiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrrazolyl, 1,2-diazolyl, 1,2,3- and 1,2,4-triazolyl, 1,2,4- and 1,2,5-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,4-and 1,2,5-thiadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, isoxazolyl, thienyl, azepinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}alkoxy.

FIG.4(s)

7. A compound in accordance with claim 3 wherein R^1 represents Aryl, said Aryl being phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, $Aryl^1$, HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H and C_{1-4}-acyl.

8. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^c and R^d represent H, and n is an integer of from 0-3 inclusive.

9. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^a and R^b independently represent H or C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with halo, OR^4, SR^4 or C_{5-7}cycloalkyl optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5.

10. A compound in accordance with claim 9 wherein one of R^a and R^b represents H and the other represents C_{1-6}alkyl.

11. A compound in accordance with claim 10 wherein one of R^a and R^b represents H and the other represents ethyl.

12. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^2 represents H or halo.

13. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein:

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylSR^6, and C_{1-6}alkylNR^8R^9;

R^6 represents C_{1-6}alkyl, Aryl, HET or Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl, said alkyl, aryl, and the alkyl group and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H, CF_3 and C_{1-4} acyl, and said HET being optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups and 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, CF_3 and C_{1-4} acyl; and

R^8 and R^9 independently represent H, C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl, HET, C_{1-6}alkyl$N(C_{1-6}$alkyl$)_{0-2}$, Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl , C_{1-6}alkylOH, or C_{1-6}alkylOC_{1-6}alkyl , or R^8 and R^9 are taken in combination with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and represent a 3-10 membered ring system containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O,

FIG.4(t)

S, N and optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups, and 1-3 groups selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, HET, CO_2R^c and $C(O)N(R^c)_2$,

said alkyl and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-3}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl and Aryl[1].

14. A compound in accordance with claim 13 wherein:

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylSR^6, and C_{1-6}alkylNR^8R^9;

R^6 represents Aryl, HET or Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl, said alkyl, aryl, and the alkyl group and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H, CF_3 and C_{1-4} acyl, and said HET being optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups and 1-3 groups selected from halo and C_{1-4}alkyl; and

R^8 and R^9 independently represent H, C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl, HET, C_{1-6}alkyl$N(C_{1-6}$alkyl$)_{0-2}$, Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkylOC_{1-6}alkyl , or R^8 and R^9 are taken in combination with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and represent a 3-10 membered ring system containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S, N and optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups, and 1-3 groups selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, HET, CO_2R^c and $C(O)N(R^c)_2$,

said alkyl and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl and Aryl[1].

15. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein:

R^1 represents HET or Aryl, said HET representing a 5 to 15 membered aromatic, partially aromatic or non-aromatic ring or ring system, containing from 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S and N, and optionally substituted with 1-2 groups selected from oxo, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl C_{1-4}alkoxy and C_{1-4}acyl, and said Aryl being selected from phenyl and naphthyl, and being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, Aryl[1], HET, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H and C_{1-4}-acyl;

R^c and R^d represent H, and n is an integer of from 0-3 inclusive;

FIG.4(u)

R^a and R^b independently represent H or C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with halo, OR^4, SR^4 or C_{5-7}cycloalkyl optionally containing one heteroatom selected from O, S and NR^5;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylSR^6, and C_{1-6}alkylNR^8R^9;

R^6 represents C_{1-6}alkyl, Aryl, HET or Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl, said alkyl, aryl, and the alkyl group and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: OH, halo, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CO_2H, CF_3 and C_{1-4} acyl, and said HET being optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups and 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, CF_3 and C_{1-4} acyl; and

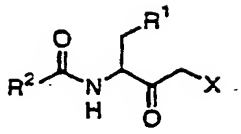
R^8 and R^9 independently represent H, C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl, HET, C_{1-6}alkyl$N(C_{1-6}alkyl)_{0-2}$, Aryl-C_{1-6}alkyl , C_{1-6}alkylOH, or C_{1-6}alkylOC_{1-6}alkyl , or R^8 and R^9 are taken in combination with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached and represent a 3-10 membered ring system containing 1-4 heteroatoms selected from O, S, N and optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups, and 1-3 groups selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, HET, CO_2R^c and $C(O)N(R^c)_2$,

said alkyl and alkyl portions being optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from halo, C_{1-3}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl and Aryl1. Within this subset, all other variables are as originally defined.

16. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein n represents 1-6.

FIG.4(v)

1. A compound of formula



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wherein X is F or Cl;
R^1 is COOH, COO(alkyl), or an isostere thereof; and
R^2 is an aryl group.

2. The compound of claim 1 having one or more of the following features: (a) X is F; (b) R^1 is COOH; and/or (c) R^2 is an optionally substituted group selected from phenyl, naphthyl, or a five, six, nine or ten membered heteroaryl having one or two heteroatoms.

3. The compound of claim 2 having the following features: (a) X is F; (b) R^1 is COOH; and (c) R^2 is an optionally substituted group selected from phenyl, naphthyl, or five, six, nine or ten membered heteroaryl having one or two heteroatoms.

Fig. 5(a)

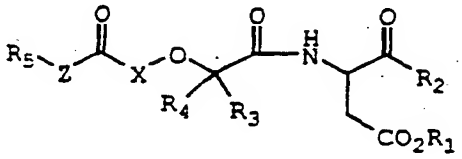
1	3-Benzoylamino-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
2	5-Fluoro-3-(3-methyl-benzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
3	5-Fluoro-3-(4-methyl-benzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
4	3-(2-Chlorobenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
5	3-(3-Chlorobenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
6	3-(4-Chlorobenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
7	3-(3,4-Dichlorobenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
8	3-(3,5-Dichlorobenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
9	5-Fluoro-3-(2-fluorobenzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
10	5-Fluoro-3-(3-fluorobenzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
11	5-Fluoro-3-(4-fluorobenzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
12	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(3-trifluoromethylbenzoylamino)-pentanoic acid
13	5-Fluoro-3-(4-trifluoromethylbenzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
14	3-(Biphenyl-3-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
15	3-(Biphenyl-4-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
16	5-Fluoro-3-(3-methoxybenzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
17	5-Fluoro-3-(4-methoxy-benzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
18	2-(3-Acetylaminobenzoylamino)-4-fluoro-3-oxo-butyric acid
19	3-(3-Cyanobenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
20	3-(4-Cyano benzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
21	5-Fluoro-3-(3-iodo-benzoylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
22	5-Fluoro-3-(naphthyl-1-carboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
23	5-Fluoro-3-(naphthyl-2-carboxamido]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
24	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(pyridyl-4-carboxamido)-pentanoic acid trifluoroacetate salt
25	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(pyridyl-3-carboxamido)-pentanoic acid trifluoroacetate salt
26	5-Fluoro-3-(furyl-3-carboxamido-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
27	5-Fluoro-3-(1-methyl-1*H*-pyrrolyl-2-carboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 5(b)

28	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(thienyl-2-carboxamido)-pentanoic acid
29	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(thienyl-3-carboxamido)-pentanoic acid
30	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(thiazolyl-2-carboxamido)-pentanoic acid
31	5-Fluoro-3-(1*H*-indolyl-2-carboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
32	3-(3-Carboxybenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
33	3-(4-Methylamidobenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
34	5-Fluoro-3-(5-phenyl-furyl-2-carboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
35	3-(3-Benzyloxybenzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
36	3-(3-(2-Phenylethoxy)benzoylamino)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
37	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(3-phenoxybenzoylamino)-pentanoic acid
38	5-Fluoro-3-(1-naphthylacetamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
39	3-Benzoylamino-5-chloro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 5(c)

1. A compound having the Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, wherein

R_1 is an optionally substituted alkyl or hydrogen;

R_2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl;

R_3 and R_4 independently are hydrogen, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclic, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted carbocyclic, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, or optionally substituted alkynyl;

R_5 is an optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted carbocyclic, optionally substituted heterocyclic, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

Z is O, S, NR_8, or $(CR_9R_{10})_n$, where R_8, R_9 and R_{10} independently are hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl, and n is 0, 1, 2, or 3; and

X is a peptide of 1-2 amino acids or a bond.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3 and R_4 independently are hydrogen, aryl, heterocyclic, heteroaryl, C_{1-10} alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or C_{1-10} alkyl substituted by one or more hydroxy, halogen, carboxy, amino, amide, ester, guanadino, thiol, alkylthiol, aryl, heterocyclic, or heteroaryl groups; and R_5 is an optionally substituted alkyl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic, aryl or heteroaryl group.

3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is H, Me, Et or acetoxymethyl.

Fig. 6(a)

4. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_2 is hydrogen, fluoromethyl, acyloxymethyl, arylacyloxymethyl, aryloxymethyl, heteroaryloxymethyl, or aminomethyl.

5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is a bond.

6. A compound according to claim 1, wherein Z is O, S, NH or CH_2.

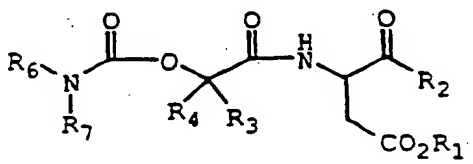
7. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_3 is hydrogen and R_4 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or heteoaryl.

8. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_3 is hydrogen and R_4 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, halogen, carboxy, amino, amide, ester, guanadino, thiol, alkylthiol, aryl, heterocyclic or heteroaryl.

9. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_5 is optionally substituted benzyl.

10. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_5 is optionally substituted phenyl, naphthyl or heteroaryl.

11. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound has the Formula II:



(II)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof wherein

Fig. 6(b)

R_6 and R_7 independently are hydrogen, alkyl, optionally substituted alkyl, C_4-C_7 cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, aryl, heteroaryl, or R_6 and R_7 are combined together with the nitrogen to form a heterocycle.

12. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R_2 is hydrogen, fluoromethyl, acyloxymethyl, arylacyloxymethyl, aryloxymethyl, heteroaryloxymethyl, or aminomethyl.

13. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R_1 is H, Me, Et or acetoxymethyl.

14. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R_3 is hydrogen and R_4 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or heteoaryl.

15. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R_3 is hydrogen and R_4 is straight-chained or branched C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, halogen, carboxy, amino, amide, ester, guanadino, thiol, alkylthiol, aryl, heterocyclic or heteroaryl.

16. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R_6 is hydrogen and R_7 is optionally substituted phenyl, naphthyl, heteroaryl or benzyl.

17. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R_6 is hydrogen and R_7 is an optionally substituted alkyl.

18. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

1-(Carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-phenylcarbamate,

1-(Carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-benzylcarbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-phenylcarbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-benzylcarbamate,

Fig. 6(c)

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(2,5-dichlorophenyl)-carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2DCB)propyl N-phenylcarbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2DCB)propyl N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2PTP)propyl *N*-phenylcarbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2PTP)propyl *N*-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2DPP)propyl *N*-phenylcarbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2DPP)propyl *N*-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl *N*-(2-methyl-1-methoxycarbonyl-propyl)carbamate, and

Z-Valine 2-methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl ester.

19. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(3-fluorophenyl)carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(4-fluorophenyl)carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(3,4-difluorophenyl)carbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(4-phenoxyphenyl)carbamate,

1-(Carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-phenylcarbamate,

1-(Carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)butyl N-phenylcarbamate,

1-(Carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)-2-propenyl N-phenylcarbamate,

2-(4-Imidazolyl)-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-phenylcarbamate,

2-Phenyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-phenylcarbamate,

2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)butyl N-phenylcarbamate,

3-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)butyl N-phenylcarbamate,

1-Phenyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)methyl N-phenylcarbamate,

1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)methyl N-phenylcarbamate,

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)methyl N-phenylcarbamate,

Fig. 6(d)

1-Cyclohexyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)methyl N-phenylcarbamate,

2-Chloro-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-phenylcarbamate, and

2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-phenylcarbamate.

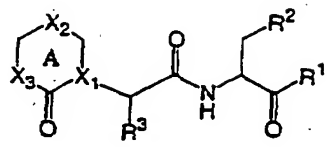
Fig. 6(e)

1	S-1-(Cabomyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-Phenylcarbamate
2	2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-Phenylcarbamate
3	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-Phenylcarbamate
4	S-1-(Carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)ethyl N-Benzylcarbamate
5	2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-Benzylcarbamate
6	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbomyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-Benzylcarbamate
7	S,S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(2-Methyl-1-methoxycarbonylpropyl)-carbamate
8	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2DCB)propyl N-Phenylcarbamate
9	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(3 Flurophenyl)carbamate
10	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(4 Flurophenyl)carbamate
11	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)carbamate
12	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(4-Phenoxyphenyl)carbamate
13	S-1-Cyclohexyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)methyl N-Phenylcarbamate
14	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(2,5-Dichloroyphenyl)carbamate
15	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(2,4-Dichloroyphenyl)carbamate
16	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2F)propyl N-(2,5-Dichloroyphenyl)carbamate
17	S-2-Methyl-1-(carbonyl-Asp-CH_2PTP)propyl N-Phenylcarbamate

Asp: Aspartic acid

Fig. 6(f)

1. A compound of the formula (I):



I

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group or -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

Ring A contains zero to two double bonds, and is optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated five to seven membered ring containing zero to three heteroatoms;

X_1 and X_3 in Ring A are independently selected from nitrogen or carbon, and X_2 is selected from a valence bond, oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen or carbon, wherein any X with suitable valence may bear a substituent;

each carbon with suitable valence in Ring A, including the fused ring if present, is independently substituted by hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR,

Fig. 7(a)

$N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, $S(O)R$, SO_2NHR, $NHS(O)_2R$, =O, =S, =NNHR, $=NNR_2$, =N-OR, =NNHCOR, $=NNHCO_2R$, $=NNHSO_2R$, or =NR;

each substitutable nitrogen in Ring A is substituted by hydrogen, R, COR, $S(O)_2R$, or CO_2R;

provided that when X_3 is a carbon, a substituent on X_3 is attached by an atom other than nitrogen;

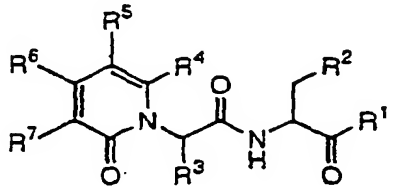
and further provided that at least one X in Ring A is a nitrogen.

2. The compound of claim 1 where R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or carboxylic acid isoster.

3. The compound of claim 2 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, OR, SR, or -OC=O(R).

4. The compound of claim 3 where R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl.

5. A compound of formula IA:



IA

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic

Fig. 7(b)

heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group, -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are each independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

each of R^4-R^6 is independently selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR, $N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, SO_2NHR, or $NHS(O)_2R$; and

R^7 is selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, CN, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, or SO_2NHR.

6. The compound of claim 5 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, -OR, -SR, or -OC=O(R); R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres thereof; R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl, each of R^4-R^6 is independently selected from hydrogen, R, phenyl or substituted phenyl; and R^7 is hydrogen, R, phenyl or substituted phenyl.

7. A compound of formula IB:

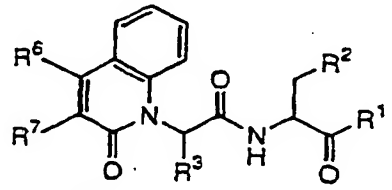


Fig. 7(c)

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group or -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are each independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

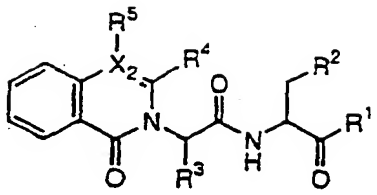
R^6 is selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR, $N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, SO_2NHR, or $NHS(O)_2R$; and

R^7 is selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, CN, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, or SO_2NHR.

8. The compound of claim 7 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, -OR, -SR, or -OC=O(R); R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosters thereof; and R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl, R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen.

9. A compound of formula IC:

Fig. 7(d)



IC

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group or -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

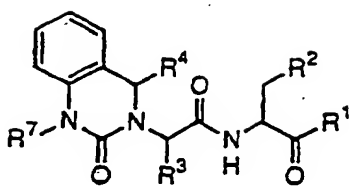
R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR, $N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, SO_2NHR, $NHS(O)_2R$, =O, =S, =NNHR, $=NNR_2$, =N-OR, =NNHCOR, $=NNHCO_2R$, $=NNHSO_2R$, or =NR.

10. The compound of claim 9 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, -OR, -SR, or -OC=O(R); R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosters thereof; R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl; R^4 is hydrogen; and R^5 is hydrogen when X_2 is nitrogen or carbon.

11. A compound of formula ID:

Fig. 7(e)



ID

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group or -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

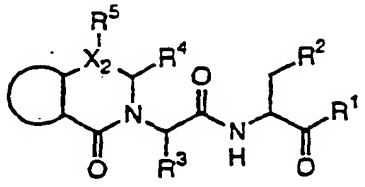
R^4 is independently selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR, $N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, SO_2NHR, or $NHS(O)_2R$;

R^7 is selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, CN, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, or SO_2NHR.

12. The compound of claim 11 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, -OR, -SR, or -OC=O(R); R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosters thereof; R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl; R^4 is hydrogen and R^7 is aralkyl.

Fig. 7(f)

13. A compound of formula IE:



IE

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group or -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR, $N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, SO_2NHR, or $NHS(O)_2R$; and

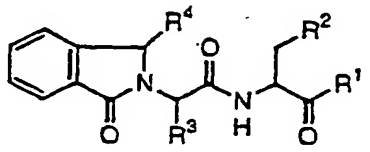
the fused ring is an aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring.

14. The compound of claim 13 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), R^2 is CO_2H and esters, amides or isosters thereof, R^3 is H or C_{1-3} alkyl, and the

Fig. 7(g)

fused ring is a five or six membered heterocycle having one ring hetercatom.

15. A compound of formula IF:



IF

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group or -OR, -SR, $-OC=O(R)$, or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

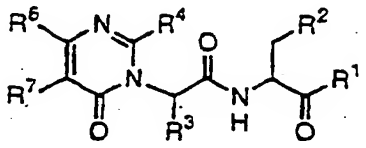
R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl; and

R^4 is independently selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR, $N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, SO_2NHR, or $NHS(O)_2R$.

16. The compound of claim 15 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, -OR, -SR, or $-OC=O(R)$; R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosters thereof; R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl; and R^4 is H_2 or =O.

Fig. 7(h)

17. A compound of formula IG:



IG

where R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group or -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^8)(R^9)$;

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

each of R^4 and R^6 is independently selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, NO_2, CN, NH_2, NHR, $N(R)_2$, NHCOR, NHCONHR, $NHCON(R)_2$, NRCOR, $NHCO_2R$, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, SO_2NHR, or $NHS(O)_2R$; and

R^7 is selected from hydrogen, halo, R, OR, SR, aryl, substituted aryl, OH, CN, CO_2R, CO_2H, COR, CONHR, $CON(R)_2$, $S(O)_2R$, $SONH_2$, S(O)R, or SO_2NHR.

18. The compound of claim 17 where R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, -OR, -SR, or -OC=O(R); R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosters thereof; R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl; and R^4, R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen.

Fig. 7(i)

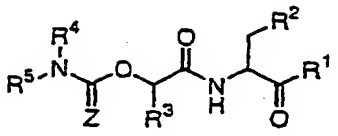
1	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-2-(2-oxo-2*H*-pyridin-1-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid
2	5-Fluoro-3-[2-(2-oxo-2*H*-pyridin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
3	5-Fluoro-3-[2-(6-methyl-2-oxo-2*H*-pyridin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
4	5-Fluoro-3-[2-(4-phenyl-2-oxo-2*H*-pyridin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
5	5-Fluoro-3-[2-(3-phenyl-2-oxo-2*H*-pyridin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
6	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-2-(2-oxo-2*H*-quinolin-1-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid
7	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-(R)-2-(2-oxo-2*H*-quinolin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid
8	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid
9	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-2-(1-oxo-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid
10	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid
11	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid (1C-4)
12	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[2-(4-oxo-4*H*-thieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-3-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid
13	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid
14	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-(1-oxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid
15	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid
16	2,6-Dichloro-benzoic acid 4-carboxy-2-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-propionylamino]-butyl ester (1C-5)Step I: 2,6-dichloro-benzoic acid 4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-2-hydroxy-3-[2-(1-oxo-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-propionylamino]-butyl ester
17	5-Fluoro-3-[2-(6-ethyl-2-oxo-2*H*-pyridin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 7(j)

18	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-(4-oxo-4*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid
19	2,6-Dichloro-benzoic acid 4-carboxy-2-oxo-3-[2-(4-oxo-4H-quinazolin-3-yl)-propionylamino]-butyl ester
20	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-1*H*-[2,6]naphthyridin-2-yl)-acetylamino-pentanoic acid
21	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-(4-oxo-4*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
22	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-(6-methoxy-4-oxo-4H-quinazolin-3-yl)-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
23	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-3-methyl-2-(-4-oxo-4H-quinazolin-3-yl)-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
24	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-(4-oxo-4H-quinazolin-3-yl)-pentanoylamino]-pentanoic acid
25	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-(6-oxo-6H-pyrimidin-1-yl)-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
26	(3S)-4-Oxo-3[(2S)-2-(4-oxo-4H-quinazolin-3-yl)-butyrylamino]-butanoic acid
27	5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(2S)-2-[1-(3-chlorobenzyl)-2-oxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl]-3-methyl-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid

Fig. 7(k)

22. A compound of formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, wherein:

Z is oxygen or sulfur;

R^1 is hydrogen, $-CHN_2$, -R, $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is a C_{1-12} aliphatic, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl;

Y is an electronegative leaving group;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is a group capable of fitting into the S2 sub-site of a caspase; and

R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a mono-, bi- or tricyclic hetero ring system having 1-6 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur.

23. The compound of claim 22 wherein the compound has one or more of the following features:

Fig. 8(a)

(i) Z is oxygen;

(ii) R^1 is hydrogen, -R, $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(iii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof;

(iv) R^3 is a group having a molecular weight up to 140 Daltons; or

(v) R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic ring system wherein each ring of the system has 5-7 ring atoms.

24. The compound of claim 23 wherein the compound has the following features:

(i) Z is oxygen;

(ii) R^1 is hydrogen, -R, $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(iii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isosteres thereof;

(iv) R^3 is a group having a molecular weight up to 140 Daltons; and

(v) R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocyclic or heteroaryl ring system wherein each ring of the system has 5-7 ring atoms.

25. The compound of claim 24 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2Y$.

26. The compound of claim 25 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2F$ and R^3 is a C_{1-4} alkyl group.

27. The compound of claim 26 wherein R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a bicyclic or

Fig. 8(b)

tricyclic heterocyclic or heteroaryl ring system wherein each ring of the system has 5-7 ring atoms.

28. The compound of claim 27 wherein R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a tricyclic heterocyclic or heteroaryl ring system wherein each ring of the system has 5-7 ring atoms.

29. The compound of claim 28 wherein the middle ring of the tricyclic ring system is a five- or six-membered ring.

30. The compound of claim 22 wherein the compound has one or more of the following features:

(i) Z is oxygen;

(ii) R^1 is $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(iii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof;

(iv) R^3 is C_{1-4} alkyl; or

(v) R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a ring selected from indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, purine, dihydropyridine, benzimidazole, imidazole, imidazoline, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazole, pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, dihydrophenazine, dihydrocinnoline, dihydroquinoxaline, tetrahydroquinoline, tetrahydroisoquinoline, dihydronaphthyridine, tetrahydronaphthyridine, dihydroacridine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-

Fig. 8(c)

triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, or dihydrophenanthridine.

31. The compound of claim 30 wherein the compound has one or more of the following features:

(i) Z is oxygen;

(ii) R^1 is $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(iii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof;

(iv) R^3 is C_{1-4} alkyl; or

(v) R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a ring selected from indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, benzimidazole, imidazole, pyrrolidine, pyrazole, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, dibenzoazepine, dihydro-dibenzoazepine, dihydrophenazine, dihydrocinnoline, dihydroquinoxaline, tetrahydroquinoline, tetrahydroisoquinoline, dihydronaphthyridine, tetrahydronaphthyridine, dihydroacridine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, or dihydrophenanthridine.

32. The compound of claim 31 wherein the compound has one or more of the following features:

(i) Z is oxygen;

(ii) R^1 is $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

Fig. 8(d)

(iii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof;

(iv) R^3 is C_{1-4} alkyl; or

(v) R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a substituted or unsubstituted ring system selected from carbazole, phenothiazine, indole, indoline, 5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepine, 10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, or dihydrophenanthridine.

33. The compound of claim 32 wherein Z is oxygen; R^1 is $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$; R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof; R^3 is C_{1-4} alkyl; and R^4 and R^5 taken together with the intervening nitrogen form a substituted or unsubstituted ring system selected from carbazole, phenothiazine, indole, indoline, 5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepine, 10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, or dihydrophenanthridine.

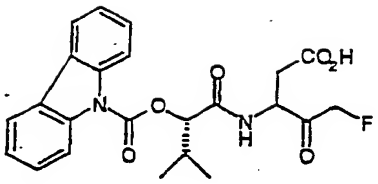
34. The compound of claim 33 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2Y$.

35. The compound of claim 34 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2F$.

36. The compound of claim 22 wherein the compound is selected from those compounds listed in Table 1.

37. The compound of claim 22 wherein the compound is selected from the following:

Fig. 8(e)



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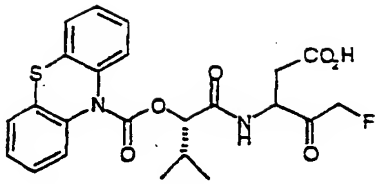

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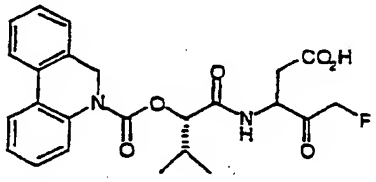

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38. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any of claims 22-37 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Fig. 8(f)

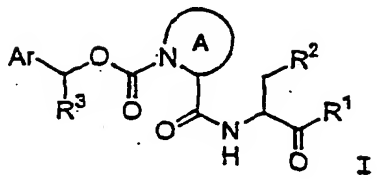
1	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
2	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(3-chlorocarbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
3	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(3,6-dichlorocarbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
4	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
5	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(2,3-dichlorocarbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
6	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(2-trifluoromethyl)-carbazole-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
7	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(2-methylcarbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
8	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-2-(carbazole-carbamoyloxy)-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
9	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3,3-dimethyl-2-(carbazole-carbamoyloxy)-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
10	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-2-(2-chlorocarbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
11	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(indole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
12	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-()-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
13	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(2-chlorophonothiazine)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
14	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(3-chlorophonothiazine)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
15	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(3,7-dichlorophonothiazine)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
16	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(3,4-dichlorophonothiazine)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid
17	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(9,10-Dihydrophenanthridine)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid

Fig. 8(g)

18	Dibenzo[b,f]azepine-5-carboxylic acid 1-(1-carboxymethyl-3-fluoro-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl)-2-methyl-propyl-ester
19	10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepine-5-carboxylic acid 1-(1-carboxymethyl-3-fluoro-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl)-2-methyl-propyl ester
20	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-((S)-2,3-dihydroindole-1-carbamoyloxy-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-pentanoic acid
21	21) [3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, diethylamide
22	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, ethyl amide
23	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, piperazine amide
24	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, N, N-dimethylaminoethyl amide
25	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoamide
26	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, cyclohexy ester
27	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, *n*-propyl ester
28	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, isopropyl ester
29	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, methyl ester
30	[3S/R]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-[(S)-3-methyl-2-(carbazole)-carbamoyloxy-butyrylamino]-pentanoic acid, cholesterol ester

Fig. 8(h)

1. A compound of formula



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wherein:

Ring A is an optionally substituted piperidine, tetrahydroquinoline or tetrahydroisoquinoline ring;

R^1 is hydrogen, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an optionally substituted group selected from an aliphatic group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an heterocyclylalkyl group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

Ar is an optionally substituted aryl group; and

R^3 is hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F_2, CN, aryl or R^3 is attached to Ar to form an unsaturated or partially saturated five or six membered fused ring having 0-2 heteroatoms.

2. The compound of claim 1 having one or more of the following features:

(a) R^1 is CH_2F;

(b) R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

(c) R^3 is hydrogen or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl; and

(d) Ar is an optionally substituted aryl.

Fig. 9(a)

3. The compound of claim 2 having the following features: (a) R^1 is CH_2F; (b) R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres thereof; (c) R^3 is hydrogen or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl; and (d) Ar is an optionally substituted aryl.

4. The compound of claim 3 where Ring A is a piperidine ring.

5. The compound of claim 3 where Ring A is a tetrahydroquinoline ring.

6. The compound of claim 3 where Ring A is a tetrahydroisoquinoline ring.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the compounds listed in Table 1.

Fig. 9(b)

1	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-Benzyloxyzcarbonyl-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
2	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(2-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarbonoxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
3	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-Benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetarahydro-quijnolinyl-2-carbonoxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
4	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(1-(2-trifluoromethyl benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarbonoxamido)-pentanoic acid
5	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-1-(3-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
6	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(1-(3-trifluoromethyl benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-pentanoic acid
7	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
8	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(3-methoxybenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
9	[3S/R, (2S, α-R)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(α-trifluoromethyl benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
10	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(1-(2-pyridinylmethoxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-pentanoic acid
11	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(1-(3-thienylmethoxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido-pentanoic acid
12	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(3-Bromobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
13	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(2,4-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
14	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(3,5-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
15	[3S/R, (2S)-3-(1-(2,4-Bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamidok)-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
16	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(4-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
17	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 9(c)

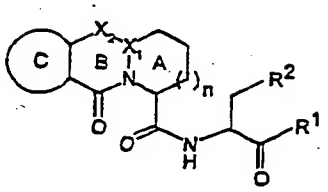
18	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(3-Trifluoromethylbenzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
19	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(3-methylsulphonylbenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoixc acid
20	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(1-(3-phenylbenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-pentanoic acid
21	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(23-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
22	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(2,3-dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
23	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(2,5-dichlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
24	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(1-(2-phenoxybenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-pentanoic acid
25	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(2-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
26	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(3-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
27	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(2-trifluoro methylbenzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
28	[3S/R, (2S)]-3(1-(2-Chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinolinyl-2-carboxamidl)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
29	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(Benzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentranoic acid
30	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(3-acetamidobenzyloxycarbonyl))-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
31	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(3-methanesulfonamido) benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
32	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-4-oxo-3-(1-(3k-chloro-2-thienylmethoxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-pentanoic acid
33	2-(1-Carboxymethyl-3-fluoro-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-naphthalen-1-yl-ethyl ester
34	[3S/R, (2S,α-R)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(α-trifluoromethyl (3-chloro benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 9(d)

35	[3S/R, (2S, α-R)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(α-pentafluoromethyl (benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
36	[3S/R, (2S, α-R)]-5 Fluoro-3-(1-(α-trifluoromethyl benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
37	[3S/R, (2S, α-R)]-5-Fluoro-3-(1-(α-trifluforomethyl-(3-chloro benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl-2-carboxamido)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
38	2-(1-Carbamoylmethy-3-fluoro-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 3,4-dichloro-benzyl ester
39	2-(1-Ethylcarbamoylmethyl-3-fluoro-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 3,4-dichloro-benzyl ester
40	2-(1-Diethylcarbamoylmethyl-3-fluoro-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 3,4-dichloro-benzyl ester
41	2-{1-[(2-Dimethylamino-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-fluoro-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl}-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 3,4-dichloro-benzyl ester
42	2-{3-Fluoro-1-[2-(4-methylk-piperazin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-2-oxo-propylcarbamoyl}-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid 3,4-dichloro-benzyl ester
43	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyloxyc arbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoate, N-(4-hydroxy-2-isopropyl disulfanyl-1-methyl-butene)-N- methylformamide ester
44	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-(1-(5-Chloro-2-fluorobenzyloxycarbonyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamido)-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 9(e)

1. A compound of formula



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, wherein:

R^1 is hydrogen, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, a heterocyclic group, or a heterocyclylalkyl group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

X_2-X_1 is $N(R^3)$-$C(R^3)$, $C(R^3)_2$-$C(R^3)$, $C(R^3)_2$-N, N=C, $C(R^3)$=N, $C(R^3)$=C, C(=O)-N, or C(=O)-$C(R^3)$;

each R^3 is independently selected from hydrogen or C_{1-6} aliphatic,

Ring C is a fused aryl ring;

n is 0, 1 or 2; and

each methylene carbon in Ring A is optionally and independently substituted by =O, or by one or more halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, or C_{1-4} alkoxy.

2. The compound of claim 1 having one or more of the following features:

(a) R^1 is $-CH_2Y$ wherein Y is a halogen, OR, SR, or -OC=O(R), wherein R is an aryl group or heterocyclic group;

Fig. 10(a)

(b) R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

(c) X_2-X_1 is N=C, C(R^3)=C, or C(=O)-N;

(d) Ring C is a fused five or six-membered aromatic ring having zero to two heteroatoms; and

(e) n is 0 or 1.

3. The compound of claim 2 wherein:

(a) R^1 is $-CH_2Y$ wherein Y is a halogen, OR, SR, or -OC=O(R), wherein R is an aryl group or heterocyclic group;

(b) R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

(c) X_2-X_1 is N=C, C(R^3)=C, or C(=O)-N;

(d) Ring C is a fused five or six-membered aromatic ring having zero to two heteroatoms; and

(e) n is 0 or 1.

4. The compound of claim 3 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2Y$ wherein Y is F; R^2 is CO_2H or an ester or amide thereof; X_2-X_1 is N=C, CH=C, or C(=O)-N; Ring C is benzene ring; and n is 0 or 1.

5. The compound of claim 1, said compound selected from the compounds listed in Table 2.

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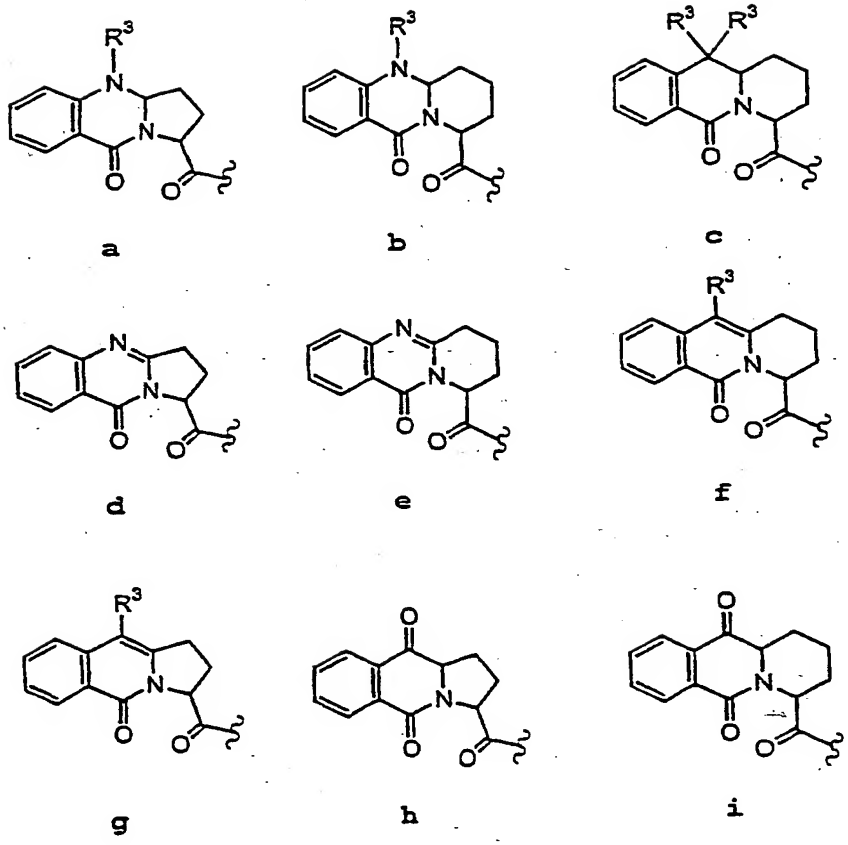

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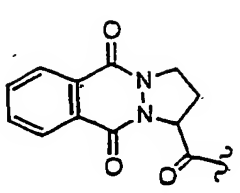

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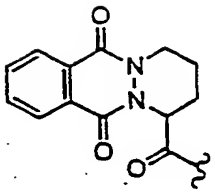

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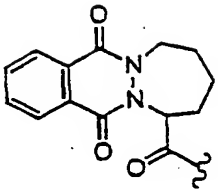

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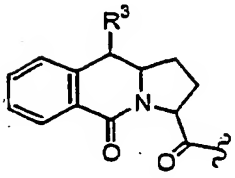

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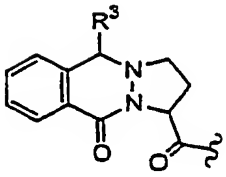

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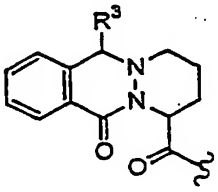

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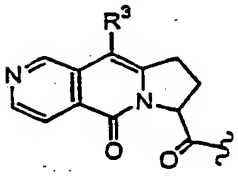

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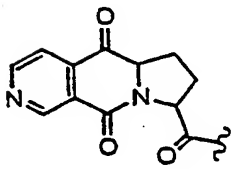

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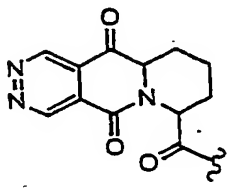

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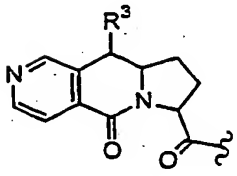

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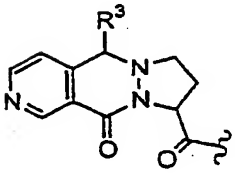

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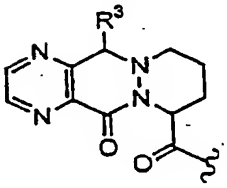

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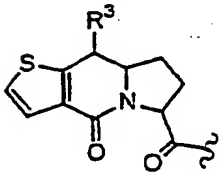

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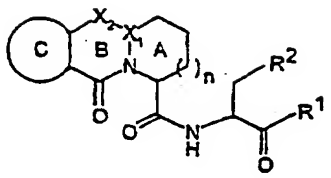
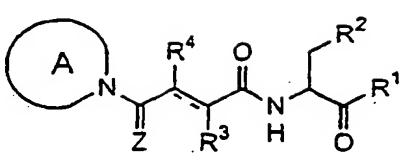


Example	R^1	R^2	Ring C	n	X_1	X_2
1	CH_2F	CO_2H	benzo	0	C	N
2	CH_2F	CO_2H	benzo	1	C	N
3	CH_2F	CO_2H	benzo	0	C	C-H
4	CH_2F	CO_2H	benzo	1	C	C-H
5	CH_2F	CO_2H	benzo	1	N	C=O
6	CH_2F	CO_2H	pyrazino	1	N	C=O

Table 2 compounds of Fig. 10(b)

Fig. 10(e)

a compound of formula I:



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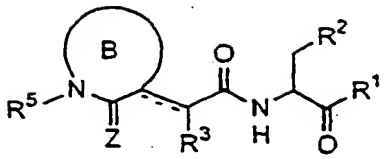


Ib

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, wherein:

--- next to R^3 represents a single or double bond;

Z is oxygen or sulfur;

R^1 is hydrogen, $-CHN_2$, -R, $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is a C_{1-12} aliphatic, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl;

Y is an electronegative leaving group;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is a group capable of fitting into the S2 sub-site of a caspase;

R^4 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} aliphatic group that is optionally interrupted by -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, -CO-, -NH-, or $-N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)-, or R^3 and R^4 taken together with their intervening atoms optionally form a 3-7 membered ring

Fig. 11(a)

having 0-2 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

Ring A is a nitrogen-containing mono-, bi- or tricyclic ring system having 0-5 additional ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

Ring B is a nitrogen-containing 5-7 membered ring having 0-2 additional ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R^5 is R^6, $(CH_2)_nR^6$, COR^6, CO_2R^6, SO_2R^6, $CON(R^6)_2$, or $SO_2N(R^6)_2$;

n is one to three; and

each R^6 is independently selected from hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-4} aliphatic group, an optionally substituted C_{6-10} aryl group, or a mono- or bicyclic heteroaryl group having 5-10 ring atoms.

2. The compound of claim 1 where ⎓ next to R^3 represents a single bond and Z is oxygen.

3. The compound of claim 2 wherein the compound is a compound of formula Ia.

4. The compound of claim 3 wherein the compound has one or more of the following features:

(i) R^1 is hydrogen, -R, $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(ii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof;

(iii) R^3 is a group having a molecular weight up to 140 Daltons;

(iv) R^4 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; and

(v) Ring A is a monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic ring system wherein each ring of the system has 5-7 ring atoms.

Fig. 11(b)

5. The compound of claim 4 wherein the compound has the following features:

(i) R^1 is hydrogen, -R, $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(ii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isosteres thereof;

(iii) R^3 is a group having a molecular weight up to 140 Daltons;

(iv) R^4 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; and

(v) Ring A is a monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic heterocyclic or heteroaryl ring system wherein each ring of the system has 5-7 ring atoms.

6. The compound of claim 5 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2Y$.

7. The compound of claim 6 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2F$.

8. The compound of claim 7 wherein R^3 is a C_{1-4} alkyl group.

9. The compound of claim 8 wherein Ring A is a tricyclic heterocyclic or heteroaryl ring system wherein each ring of the system has 5-7 ring atoms.

10. The compound of claim 9 wherein the middle ring of the tricyclic ring system is a five- or six-membered ring.

11. The compound of claim 4 wherein Ring A is selected from indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, purine, dihydropyridine, benzimidazole, imidazole, imidazoline,

Fig. 11(c)

pyrrole, pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazole, pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, iminostilbene, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, dihydrophenazine, dihydrocinnoline, dihydroquinoxaline, tetrahydroquinoline, tetrahydroisoquinoline, dihydronaphthyridine, tetrahydronaphthyridine, dihydroacridine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, or dihydrophenanthridine.

12. The compound of claim 5 wherein Ring A is selected from indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, purine, dihydropyridine, benzimidazole, imidazole, imidazoline, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazole, pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, iminostilbene, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, dihydrophenazine, dihydrocinnoline, dihydroquinoxaline, tetrahydroquinoline, tetrahydroisoquinoline, dihydronaphthyridine, tetrahydronaphthyridine, dihydroacridine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, or dihydrophenanthridine.

13. The compound of claim 12 wherein Ring A is selected from carbazole, phenothiazine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, phenoxazine,

Fig. 11(d)

dibenzoazepine, dihydro-dibenzoazepine, dihydrophenazine, dihydroacridine, or dihydrophenanthridine.

14. The compound of claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from the compounds listed in Table 1.

15. The compound of claim 2 wherein the compound is a compound of formula Ib.

16. The compound of claim 15 wherein the compound has one or more of the following features:

(i) R^1 is $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(ii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof;

(iii) R^3 is a group having a molecular weight up to about 140 Daltons;

(iv) Ring B is a nitrogen-containing five to seven membered ring having 0-1 additional ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur; and

(v) R^5 is an optionally substituted C_{1-6} aliphatic group, an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted benzyl group.

17. The compound of claim 16 wherein the compound has the following features:

(i) R^1 is $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$;

(ii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof;

(iii) R^3 is a group having a molecular weight up to about 140 Daltons;

Fig. 11(e)

(iv) Ring B is a nitrogen-containing five to seven membered ring having 0-1 additional ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur; and

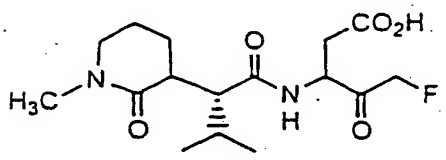
(v) R^5 is an optionally substituted C_{1-6} aliphatic group, an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted benzyl group.

18. The compound of claim 17 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2Y$.

19. The compound of claim 18 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2F$.

20. The compound of claim 19 wherein R^3 is a C_{1-4} alkyl group.

21. The compound of claim 2 wherein the compound is selected from the compounds listed



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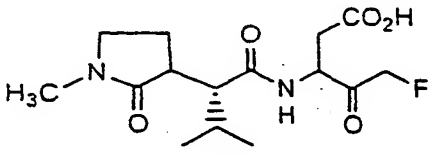

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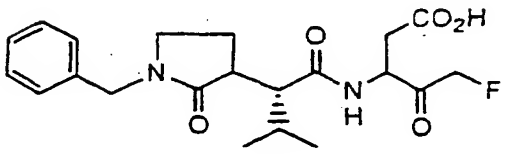

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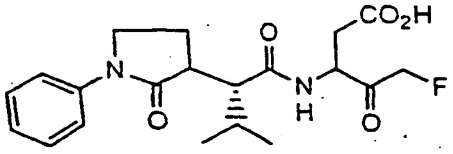

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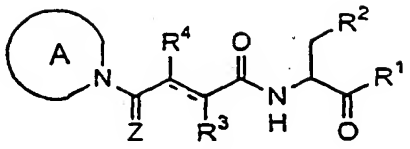
Fig. 11(f)

26. A compound of formula Ia:



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or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, wherein:

--- next to R^3 represents a single or double bond;

Z is oxygen or sulfur;

R^1 is CH_2Y;

Y is an electronegative leaving group;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^3 is a group capable of fitting into the S2 sub-site of a caspase;

R^4 is hydrogen or a C_{1-6} aliphatic group that is optionally interrupted by -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, -CO-, -NH-, or $-N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)-, or R^3 and R^4 taken together with their intervening atoms optionally form a 3-7 membered ring

Fig. 11(g)

having 0-2 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

Ring A is a nitrogen-containing mono-, bi- or tricyclic ring system having 0-5 additional ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

27. The compound of claim 26 wherein Z is oxygen and ⎓ between R^3 and R^4 represents a single bond.

28. The compound of claim 27 wherein R^3 is a C_{1-4} alkyl group.

29. The compound of claim 28 wherein Ring A is selected from indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, purine, dihydropyridine, benzimidazole, imidazole, imidazoline, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazole, pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, iminostilbene, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, dihydrophenazine, dihydrocinnoline, dihydroquinoxaline, tetrahydroquinoline, tetrahydroisoquinoline, dihydronaphthyridine, tetrahydronaphthyridine, dihydroacridine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, or dihydrophenanthridine.

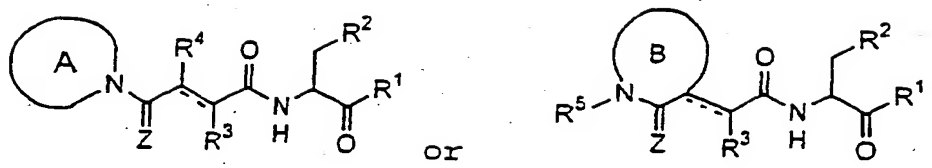
30. The compound of claim 29 wherein Ring A is selected from carbazole, phenothiazine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, phenoxazine,

Fig. 11(h)

dibenzoazepine, dihydro-dibenzoazepine, dihydrophenazine, dihydroacridine, or dihydrophenanthridine.

31. The compound of claim 30 wherein Ring A is selected from carbazole, phenothiazine or dihydrophenanthridine.

Fig. 11(i)



Ia or Ib

wherein Z is oxygen or sulfur; R^1 is hydrogen, $-CHN_2$, R, CH_2OR, CH_2SR, or $-CH_2Y$; --- between R^3 and R^4 represents a single or double bond; Y is an electronegative leaving group; R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof; R^3 is a group capable of fitting into the S2 subsite of a caspase enzyme; R^4 is a hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl or R^3 and R^4 taken together form a ring; Ring A and Ring B are each heterocyclic rings, and R and R^5 are as described

Fig. 11(j)

Examples of monocyclic rings for Ring A include triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, imidazole, pyrrolidine, pyrazole, and piperazine. Examples of preferred bicyclic rings for Ring A include indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, benzimidazole, thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole, dihydroquinoxaline, dihydrocinnoline, dihydronaphthyridine, tetrahydronaphthyridine, tetrahydroquinoline, and tetrahydroisoquinoline, most preferably indole or indoline. Examples of tricyclic rings for Ring A include carbazole, phenothiazine, β-carboline, pyrido[4,3-b]indole, 2,3,9-triazafluorene, 9-thia-2,10-diazaanthracene, 3,6,9-triazafluorene, phenoxazine, dibenzoazepine, dihydro-dibenzoazepine, dihydrophenazine, dihydroacridine, or dihydrophenanthridine, carbazole,

Fig. 11(k)

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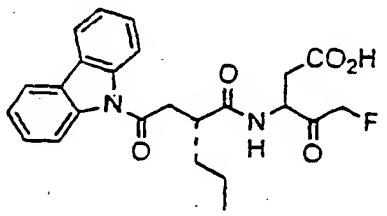
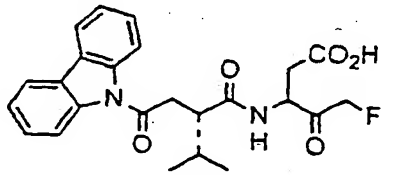
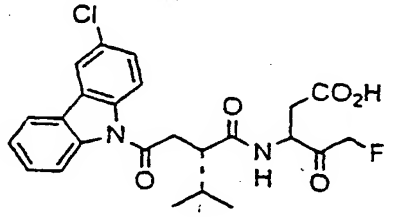
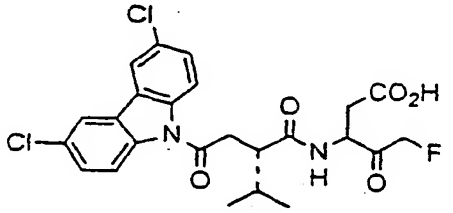
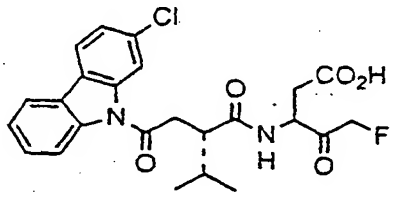
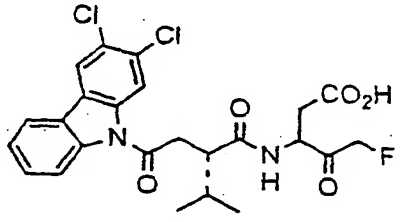
Ia-1	
Ia-2	
Ia-3	
Ia-4	
Ia-5	
Ia-6	

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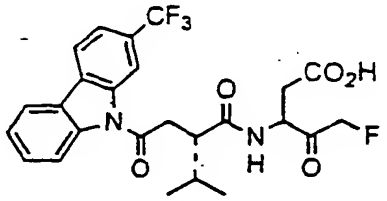
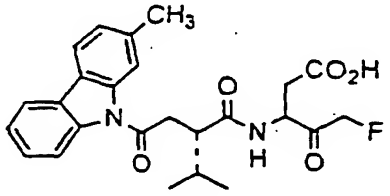
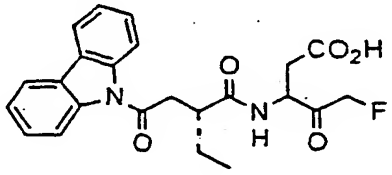
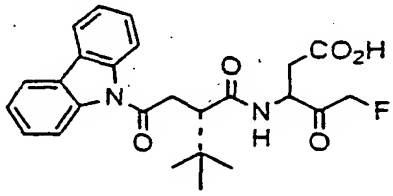
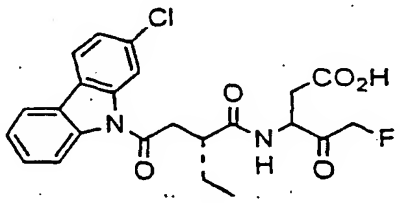
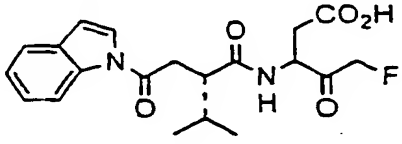
Ia-7	
Ia-8	
Ia-9	
Ia-10	
Ia-11	
Ia-12	

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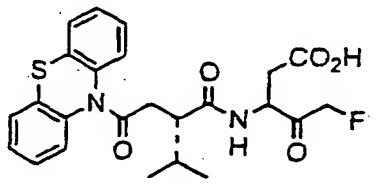
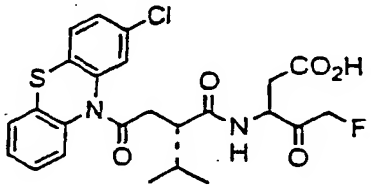
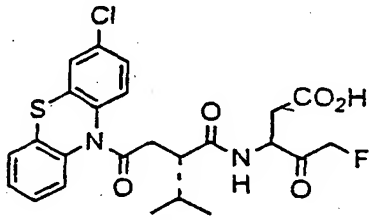
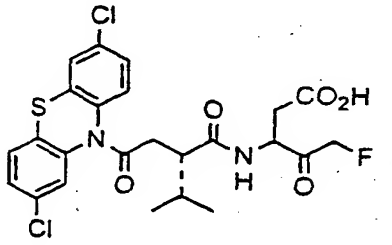
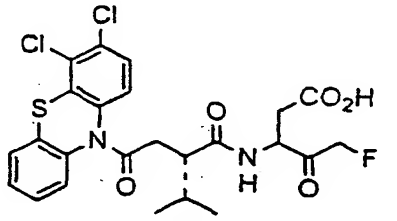
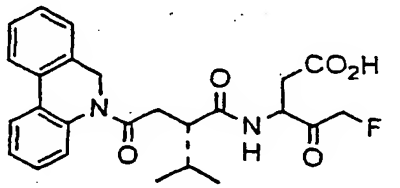
Ia-13	
Ia-14	
Ia-15	
Ia-16	
Ia-17	
Ia-18	

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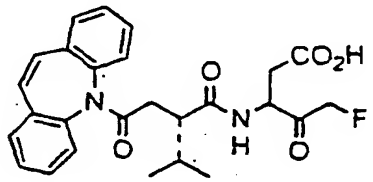
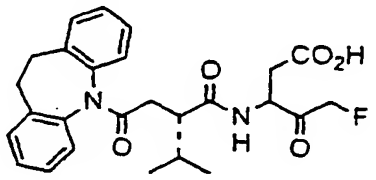
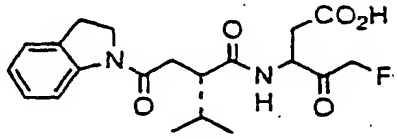
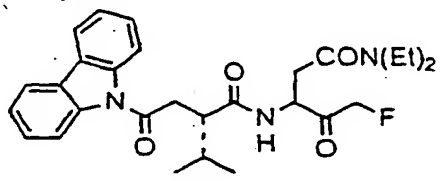
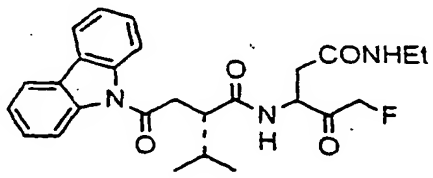
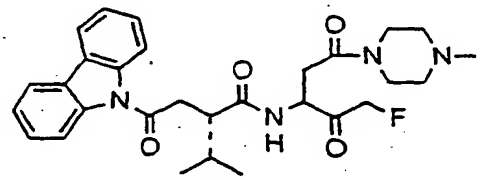
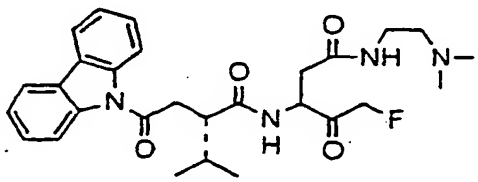
Ia-19	
Ia-20	
Ia-21	
Ia-22	
Ia-23	
Ia-24	
Ia-25	

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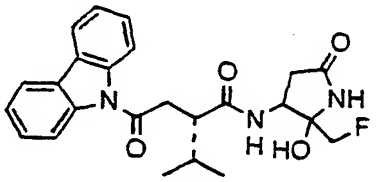
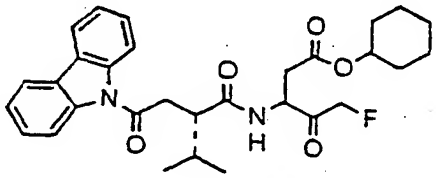
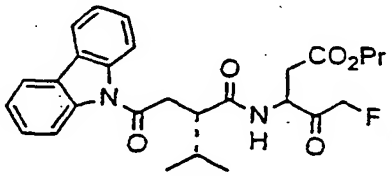
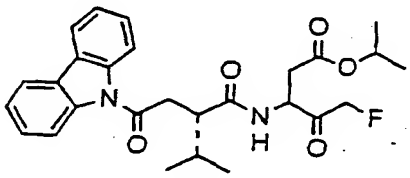
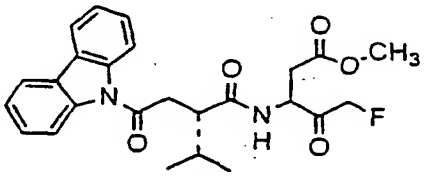
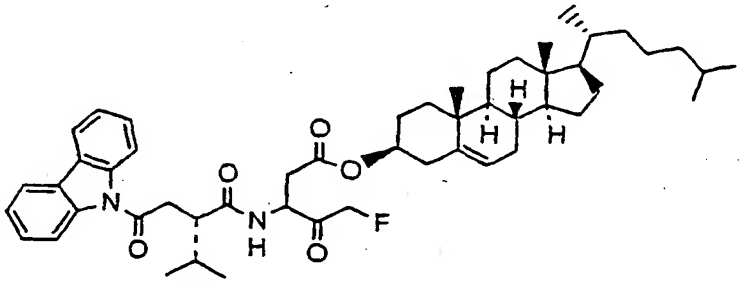
Ia-26	
Ia-27	
Ia-28	
Ia-29	
Ia-30	
Ia-31	

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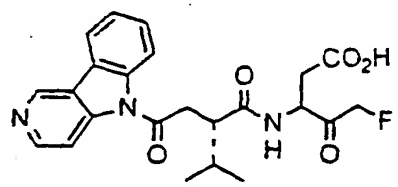
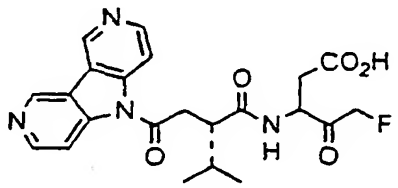
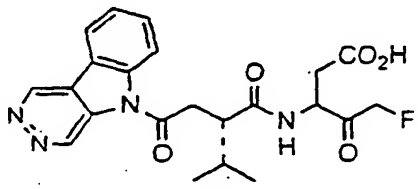
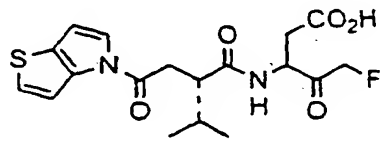
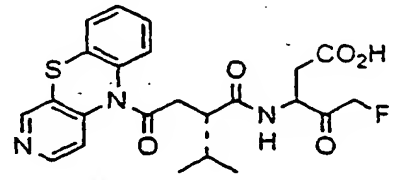
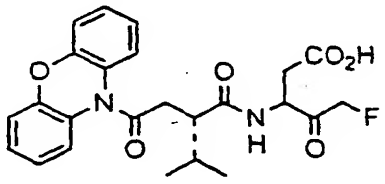
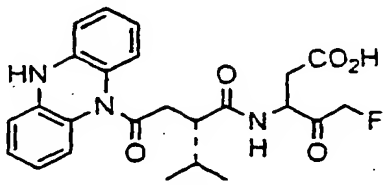
Ia-32	
Ia-33	
Ia-34	
Ia-35	
Ia-36	
Ia-37	
Ia-38	

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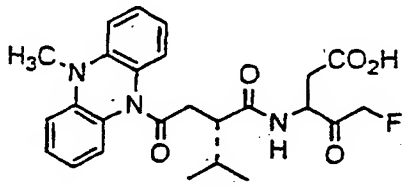
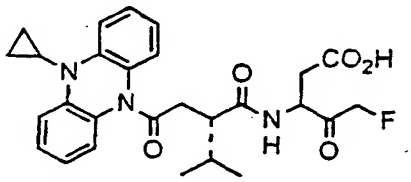
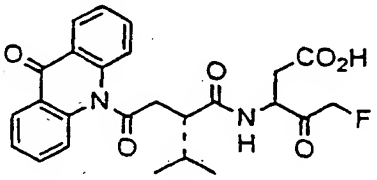
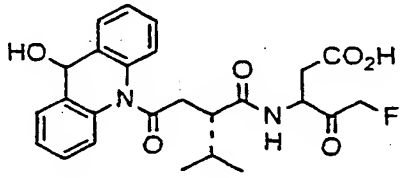
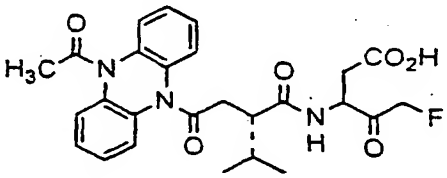
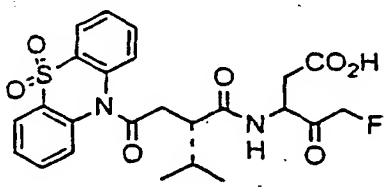
Ia-39	
Ia-40	
Ia-41	
Ia-42	
Ia-43	
Ia-44	

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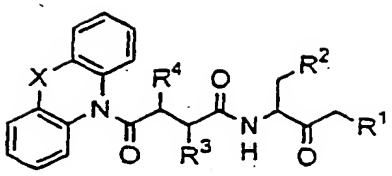


II

where X is a bond, -S-, -O-, $-CH_2-$, or -NH-, and R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are as described above. Where X is $-CH_2-$, each of the methylene hydrogens may be optionally and independently replaced by -OR, -OH, -SR, protected OH (such as acyloxy), -CN, $-NH_2$, -NHR, $-N(R)_2$, -NHCOR, -NHCONHR, $-NHCON(R)_2$, -NRCOR, $-NHCO_2R$, $-CO_2R$, $-CO_2H$, -COR, -CONHR, $-CON(R)_2$, $-S(O)_2R$, $-SONH_2$, -S(O)R, $-SO_2NHR$, $-NHS(O)_2R$, =O, =S, =NNHR, $=NNR_2$, =N-OR, =NNHCOR, $=NNHCO_2R$, $=NNHSO_2R$, or =NR where R is a C_{1-4} aliphatic group. Where X is -NH-, the NH hydrogen may be replaced by alkyl, CO(alkyl), CO_2(alkyl), or SO_2(alkyl).

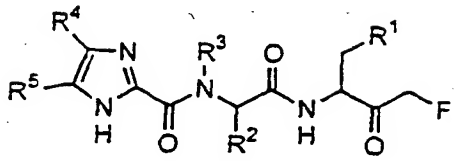
Another embodiment of this invention relates to compounds of formula Ib that have one or more, and preferably all, of the following features:

(i) R^1 is hydrogen, -R, $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$. More preferably, R^1 is $-CH_2OR$, $-CH_2SR$, or $-CH_2Y$. An even more preferred R^1 is $-CH_2Y$. Most preferably, R^1 is $-CH_2F$.

(ii) R^2 is CO_2H or an ester, amide or isostere thereof.

Fig. 11(s)

1. A compound of formula I:



I

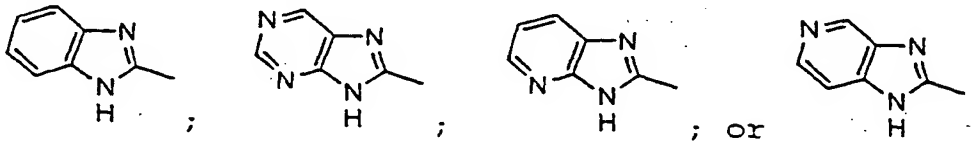
wherein:

R^1 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

R^2 is hydrogen or an optionally substituted C_1-C_6 aliphatic group;

R^3 is hydrogen or an optionally substituted C_1-C_6 aliphatic group; and

R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_1-C_6 aliphatic group, or R^4 and R^5 taken together with the ring to which they are attached form an optionally substituted bicyclic ring, said bicyclic ring selected from the following:



(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; or (d).

2. The compound of claim 1 where R^2 is an optionally substituted C_{1-6} straight or branched alkyl group.

3. The compound of claim 1 having one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

Fig. 12(a)

a) R^1 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

b) R^2 is a C_1-C_6 straight chain or branched alkyl group;

c) R^3 is hydrogen; and

d) R^4 and R^5 are each hydrogen, or R^4 and R^5 together with the ring to which they are attached form a benzimidazole ring.

4. The compound of claim 3 having the following features:

a) R^1 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

b) R^2 is a C_1-C_6 straight chain or branched alky group;

c) R^3 is hydrogen; and

d) R^4 and R^5 are each hydrogen, or R^4 and R^5 together with the ring to which they are attached form a benzimidazole ring.

5. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

[3S/R,(2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-{2-[(1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-propionylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

[3S/R,(2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-{2-[(1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-propionylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid tert-butyl ester;

[3S/R, (2S)]-3-{2-[(1*H*-Benzoimidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-propionylamino}-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

[3S/R,(2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-{2-[(1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

[3S/R,(2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-{2-[(1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-3-methylbutyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

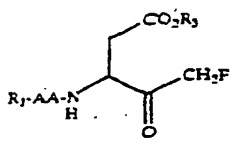
[3S/R, (2S)]-3-{2-[(1*H*-Benzoimidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-3-methylbutyrylamino}-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 12(b)

1	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-{2-[1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-propionylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, trifluoroacetate salt
2	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-Fluoro-2-{2-[1*H*-Benzoimidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-propionylamino}-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, trifluoroacetate salt
3	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-{2-[1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, trifluoroacetate salt
4	[3S/R, (2S)]-5-Fluoro-3-{2-[1*H*-imidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-3-methylbutyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
5	[3S/R, (2S)]-3-Fluoro-3-{2-[1*H*-Benzoimidazole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-3-methylbutyrylamino}-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 12(c)

1. A compound of formula II:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein,

R_1 is an N-terminal protecting group selected from the group consisting of t-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), acetyl (Ac) and benzyloxycarbonyl (Cbz);

R_3 is alkyl or hydrogen; and

AA is a residue of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of valine (Val), isoleucine (Ile) and leucine (Leu).

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_3 is methyl or hydrogen.

3. The compound of claim 2, which is Cbz-Val-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. The compound of claim 2, which is Cbz-Leu-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. The compound of claim 2, which is Cbz-Ile-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. The compound of claim 2, which is Ac-Val-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. The compound of claim 2, which is Ac-Leu-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. The compound of claim 2, which is Ac-Ile-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. The compound of claim 2, which is Boc-Val-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. The compound of claim 2, which is Boc-Leu-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. The compound of claim 2, which is Boc-Ile-Asp-CH_2F or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. The compound of claim 2, which is Cbz-Val-Asp (OMe)-CH_2F.

13. The compound of claim 2, which is Cbz-Leu-Asp (OMe)-CH_2F.

14. The compound of claim 2, which is Cbz-Ile-Asp (OMe)-CH_2F.

15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of any one of claims 1–14, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

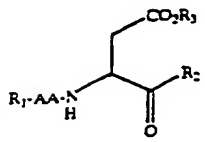
Fig. 13(a)

1	t-Butyl 5-fluoro-4-hydroxy-3-nitropentanoate
2	t-Butyl 3-amino-5-fluoro-4-hydroxy-pentanoate
3	t-Butyl 3-(Cbz-Val-amido)-5-fluoro-4-hydroxy-pentanoate
4	Z-Val-Asp-fmk t-butyl ester
5	Z-Val-Asp-fmk
6	Z-Leu-Asp-fmk
7	Z-Ile-Asp-fmk
8	Z-Ala-Asp-fmk
9	Ac-Val-Asp-fmk
10	Z-N-Me-Val-Asp-fmk
11	Z-ß-Ala-Asp-fmk
12	Z-Gly-Asp-fmk
13	Z-Phe-Asp-fmk
14	Z-Glu-Asp-fmk
15	Z-Pro-Asp-fmk
16	Z-His-Asp-fmk
17	Z-Tyr-Asp-fmk
18	Z-Val-Asp-fmk Methyl Ester
19	Z-Leu-Asp-fmk Methyl Ester
20	Z-Ile-Asp-fmk Methyl Ester

fmk: fluoromethylketone
Z: benzyloxycarbonyl
Val: Valine
Asp: Aspartic acid
Leu: Leucine
Ile: Isoleucine
Ala: Alanine
Gly: Glycine
Phe: Phenylalanine
Glu: Glutamic acid
Pro: Proline
His: Histidine
Tyr: Tyrosine

Fig. 13(b)

compounds having the general Formula I:



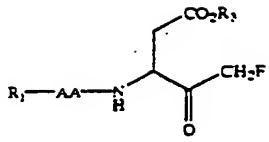
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof, wherein:

R_1 is an N-terminal protecting group including t-butyloxycarbonyl, acetyl, and benzyloxycarbonyl; AA is a residue of any natural or non-natural α-amino acid, or β-amino acid, or a derivative of an α-amino acid or β-amino acid, e.g. Gly, Thr, Glu, Lys, Arg, Ser, Asn, Gln, Val, Ala, Leu, Ile, Met, and β-amino acids such as β-Ala, and which is not His, Tyr, Pro or Phe; R_2 is H or CH_2R_4, R_4 is an electronegative leaving group such as F, Cl, TsO-, MeO-, ArO-, ArCOO, ArN-, and ArS-; and R_3 is alkyl or H.

With respect to R_3, preferred alkyl groups are C_{1-6} alkyl groups, e.g. methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, pentyl and hexyl groups.

Formula II:

II



or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof wherein AA, R_1 and R_3 are as defined previously with respect to Formula I.

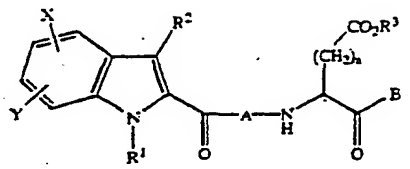
Preferred R_2 is t-butyloxycarbonyl, acetyl and benzyloxycarbonyl. Preferred R_3 is H, Me, Et or t-Bu. Preferred AA is Val, Ala, Leu, Ile, Met, and β-amino acids such as β-Ala.

Exemplary preferred inhibitors of apoptosis having Formula I include, without limitation:

Boc-Ala-Asp-CH_2F,
Boc-Val-Asp-CH_2F,
Boc-Leu-Asp-CH_2F,
Ac-Val-Asp-CH_2F,
Ac-Ile-Asp-CH_2F,
Ac-Met-Asp-CH_2F,
Cbz-Val-Asp-CH_2F,
Cbz-β-Ala-Asp-CH_2F
Cbz-Leu-Asp-CH_2F,
Cbz-Ile-Asp-CH_2F,
Boc-Ala-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F,
Boc-Val-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F,
Boc-Leu-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F,
Ac-Val-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F,
Ac-Ile-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F,
Ac-Met-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F,
Cbz-Val-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F,
Cbz-β-Ala-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F
Cbz-Leu-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F, and
Cbz-Ile-Asp(OMe)-CH_2F.

Fig. 13(c)

1. A compound of the following formula:



wherein:

n is 1 or 2;

R^1 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substitutedphenyl, phenylalkyl, substitutedphenylalkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl of $(CH_2)_mCO_2R^4$, wherein m=1–4, and R^4 is as defined below;

R^2 is a hydrogen atom, chloro, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substitutedphenyl, phenylalkyl, substitutedphenylalkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl or $(C_2)_pCO_2R^5$, wherein p=0–4, and R^5 is as defined below;

R^3 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl) alkyl, phenylalkyl, or substitutedphenylalkyl;

R^4 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl) alkyl, phenylalkyl, or substitutedphenylalkyl;

R^5 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl) alkyl, phenylalkyl, or substitutedphenylalkyl;

A is a natural or unnatural amino acid;

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substitutedphenyl, phenylalkyl, substitutedphenylalkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, halomethyl, CH_2ZR^6, $CH_2OCO(aryl)$, or CH_2OCO (heteroaryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^7)R^8$, where Z is an oxygen, OC(=O) or a sulfur atom;

R^6 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted phenyl)alkyl, heteroaryl or (heteroaryl) alkyl;

R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from a group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted phenyl)alkyl and (cycloalkyl)alkyl; and

X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, trihalomethyl, amino, protected amino, an amino salt, mono-substituted amino, di-substituted amino, carboxy, protected carboxy, a carboxylate salt, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, a salt of a hydroxy group, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, substituted (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, and (substituted phenyl)alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1 Wherein B is CH_2ZR^6.

3. The compound of claim 2 wherein B is $CH_2OC(=O)R^6$.

4. The compound of claim 3 wherein R^6 is substituted phenyl.

5. The compound of claim 3 where R^6 is heteroaryl.

6. The compound of claim 2 wherein B is CH_2OR^6.

7. The compound of claim 6 wherein R^6 is substituted phenyl.

8. The compound of claim 7 wherein R^6 is tetra(halo) phenyl.

9. The compound of claim 8 wherein R^6 is optionally substituted naphthyl.

10. The compound of claim 9 wherein R^6 is naphthyl substituted with one or more heteroaryl groups.

Fig. 14(a)

1	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
2	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid, Semicarbazone
3	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
4	(3S)-3-(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Prolinyl]Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
5	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Prolinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid, Semicarbazone
6	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Prolinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid
7	(3S)-3-[1(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
8	(3S)-3-[1(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid Semicarbazone
9	(3S)-3[1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid
10	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Leucinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid, t-Butyl Enter Semicarbazone
11	(3S)-3-[1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Leucinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid Semicarbazone
12	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2- Carbonyl)Leucinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid
13	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Phenylalaninyl] Amino-4-Oxabutanoic acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
14	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Phenylalaninyl] amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid Semicarbazone
15	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)(Phenylalaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
16	(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Glycine, Methyl Ester
17	(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Glycine

Fig. 14(b)

18	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Glycine] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
19	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Glycinyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid, Semicarbazone
20	(3S)-3-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Glycinyl]-Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid
21	(3S)-3-[(1-Benzylindole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
22	(3S)-3-[(1-Benzylindole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid, Semicarbazone
23	(3S)-3-[(1-Benzylindole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxo-Butanoic Acid
24	(3S)-3-(1-(4'-Butenyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
25	(3S)-3-[(1-4'-Butenyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid, Semicarbazone
26	(3S)-3-[(1-(4'-Butenyl)indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
27	(3S)-3-[(1-(2'-(1'-t-Butoxy-[1'-Oxo)Ethyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
28	(3S)-3-[(1-(Carboxymethyl)-Indole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxabutanoic Acid, Semicarbazone
29	(3S)-3-[(1-(Carboxymethyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
30	(3S)-3-[(1-(3'-(1'-t-Butoxy-1'-Oxo)Proply)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4- Oxobutanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester Semicarbazone
31	(3S)-3-[1-(2'-Carboxyethyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid, Semicarbazone
33	(3S)-3-(1-(2'-Carboxyethyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Alaninyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
34	2,6-Dichlorobenzyloxyethanol

Fig. 14(c)

35	5-(2'-6'-Dichlorobenzyloxy)-4-Hydroxy-3-Nitro-Pentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
36	3-Amino-5-(2',6'-Dichlorobezyloxy)-4-Hydroxy-Pentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
37	N-(1,3-Dimethylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valine
38	N-[(1,3-Dimethylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Hydroxy-5(2',6'-Dichlorobenzyloxy) Pentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
39	N-[(1,3-Dimethylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3- Amino-4-Oxo-5-(2'6'-Dichlorobenzyloxy)Pentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
40	N-[1,3-Dimethylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-(2',6'-Dichlorobenzyloxy)Pentanoic Acid
41	N-[1,3-Dimethylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Hydroxy-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
42	N-[(1,3-Dimethylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
43	N-[(1,3-Dimethylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3- Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid
44	N-[(1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Hydroxy-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
45	N-[(3-Chloro-1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
46	N-[(3-Chloro-1,Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid
47	N-[(5-Fluoro-[1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Hydroxy-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
48	N-[(3-Chloro-5-Fluoro-1Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
49	N-[(3-Chloro-5-Fluoro-1-Methylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid
50	N-[(1-(3'-Phenylpropyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Hydroxy-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
51	N-(1-(3'-Phenylpropyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t- Butyl Ester

Fig. 14(d)

51	N-(1-(3'-Phenylpropyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t- Butyl Ester
52	N-[(1-(3'-Phenylpropyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid
53	N-[(1-Phenylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Ainino-4-Hydroxy-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
54	N-[(1-Phenylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
55	N-[(1-Phenylindole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid
56	N-[1-(2'-((1'-t-Butoxy-1'-Oxo)Ethyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Hydroxy-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
57	N-[(1-(2'((1 '-t-Butoxy-1'-Oxo)Ethyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl(Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
58	N-[(1-(Carboxymethyl)Indole-2-Carbonyl)Valinyl]-3-Amino-4-Oxo-5-Fluoropentanoic Acid
59	N-[(1-Methylindole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-hydroxy-5-fluoropentanoic acid, t-butyl ester
60	N-(1-Methylindole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid, t-butyl ester
61	N-[(1-Methylindole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid
62	N-[1(1,3-Dimethyl-5-fluoroindole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid
63	N-[1-homoallylindole-2-carbonyl)valinyl)-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid
64	N-[1-Methyl-5-fluoroindole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid
65	N-[(1-Methyl-3-isobutylindole2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid
66	N-[(1-Methyl-3-phenethylindolo-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid

Fig. 14(e)

67	N-[(1-Methyl-5-O-benzylindole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-fluoropentanoic acid
68	N-(1,3-Dimenthyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl-3-Amino-5-Bromo-4-Oxo-Pentanoic Acid, t-Butyl Ester
69	N-[(1,3-Dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl]-3-amino-5(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, t-butyl ester
70	N-[N-(1,3-Dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl]-3-amino-5-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
71	N-(1,3-Dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl-3-amino-5-(diphenylphosphinyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
72	N-(1,3-Dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl-3-amino-5-(1-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrazol-5-yl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
73	N-(1,3-Dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl-3-amino-5-(3-(N-phenyl)aminocarbonyl-2-naphthyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
74	N-(1,3-Dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl-3-amino-5-(2-aminocarbonyl-1-phenyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
75	N-(1,3-Dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)-Valinyl-3-amino-5-(dimethylphosphinyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
76	N-(valinyl)aspartic acid, α-methyl, [3-tert-butyl diester
77	N-[1,3-dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]aspartic acid, β-tert-butyl ester
78	N-[(1,3-dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-5-bromo-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
79	N-[(1,3-dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-5-[3-(imidazol-2-yl)-naphtyl-2-oxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
80	N-[(1,3-dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-5[3-(imidazol-2-yl)-naphthyl-2-oxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
81	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-5-bromo-4-oxo-N-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
82	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester

Fig. 14(f)

83	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-(tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
84	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(4-fluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
85	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(4-fluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
86	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2-fluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
87	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2-fluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
88	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)leucinyl]-3-amino-5-bromo-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
89	N-[1(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)leucinyl]-3-amino-5-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy-4-oxo pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
90	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)leucinyl]-3-amino-5-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy-4-oxo pentanoic acid
91	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)leucinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
92	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)leucinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
93	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)leucinyl]-3-amino-5-(diphenylphosphoroxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
94	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)leucinyl]-3-amino-5-(diphenylphosphoroxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
95	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)cyclohexylaaninyl]-3-amino-5-bromo-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
96	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)cyclohexylaianinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
97	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)cyclohexylaianinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
98	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)cyclohexylalaninyl]-3-amino- 5(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester

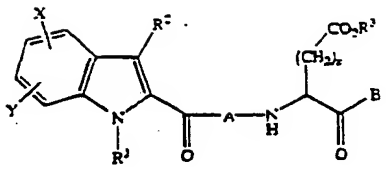
Fig. 14(g)

99	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)cyclohexylalaninyl]-3-amino -5-(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
100	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonly)cyclohexylalaninyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-1-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrazol-5-yloxy]-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
101	N-[(1-methyl-3-isobutyl-indole-2-carbonyl)cyclohexylalaninyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-[1-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pyrazol-5-yloxy]-pentanoic acid
102	N-[(carbobenzyloxycarbonyl)-valinyl]aspartic acid, β-tert-butyl ester
103	N-[(carbobenzyloxycarbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-5-bromo-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
104	N-[(carbobenzyloxycarbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
105	N-[(carbobenzyloxycarbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-hydroxy-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
106	N-(valinyl)-3-amino-4-hydroxy-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
107	N-[(1,3-dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-hydroxy-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
108	N-[(1,3-dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
109	N-[(1,3-dimethyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
110	N-[(1-methyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-hydroxy-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
111	N-[(1-methyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
112	N-[(1-methyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
113	N-[(5-fluoro-1-methyl-indole-2-carnonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-hydroxy-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
114	N-[(5-fluoro-methyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-penanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
115	N-[(5-fluoro-1-methyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid

Fig. 14(h)

115	N-[(5-fluoro-1-methyl-indole-2-carbonyl)valinyl]-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid
116	N-{[1-(tert-butyl)oxycarbonylmethyl-indole-2-carbonyl]valinyl}-3-amino-4-hydroxy-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
117	N-{[1-(tert-butyl)oxycarbonylmethyl-indole-2-carbonyl]valinyl}-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
118	N-{[1-(carboxymethyl)-indole-2-carbonyl]valinyl}-3-amino-4-oxo-5-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyloxy)-pentanoic acid

Fig. 14(i)



wherein:

n is 1 or 2;

R^1 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, (substituted)phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted) phenylalkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl or $(CH_2)_mCO_2R^4$, wherein m=1–4, and R^4 is as defined below;

R^2 is a hydrogen atom, chloro, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, (substituted)phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted)phenylalkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl or $(CH_2)_pCO_2R^5$, wherein p=0–4, and R^5 is as defined below;

R^3 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl) alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (substituted)phenylalkyl;

R^4 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl) alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (substituted)phenylalkyl;

R^5 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl) alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (substituted)phenylalkyl;

A is a natural or unnatural amino acid;

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, (substituted) phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted)phenylalkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, halomethyl, CH_2ZR^6, CH_2OCO(aryl), or CH_2OCO(heteroaryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^7)R^8$, where Z is an oxygen, OC(=O) or a sulfur atom;

R^6 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted phenyl)alkyl, heteroaryl or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

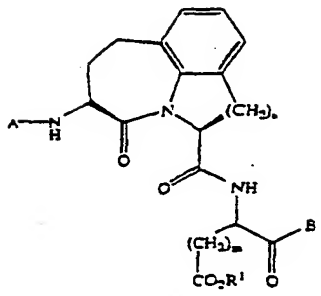
R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from a group consistent of alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted phenyl)alkyl and (cycloalkyl)alkyl; and

X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, trihalomethyl, amino, protected amino, an amino salt, mono-substituted amino, di-substituted amino, carboxy, protected-carboxy, a carboxylate salt, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, a salt of a hydroxy group, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, substituted (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, and (substituted phenyl)alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

Fig. 14(j)

1. A compound of the following formula:

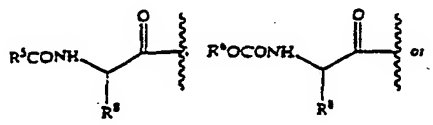


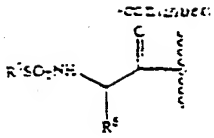
wherein:

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1 or 2;

A is R^2CO—, R^3—O—CO—, or R^4SO_2—, or a group of the formula:





R^1 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl or phenylalkyl;

R^2 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^3 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl;

R^4 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^5 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^6 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl;

R^7 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl; and

R^8 is an amino acid side chain of a naturally occurring α-amino acid or a non-protein α-amino acid; and

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl, or halomethyl;

a group of the formula:

$$—CH_2XR^9;$$

a group of the formula:

$$—CH_2—O—CO—$$ (five- or six-membered heteroaryl); or

a group of the formula:

$$—CH_2—O—PO—(R^{10})R^{11};$$

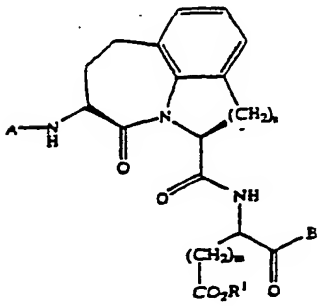
R^9 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl; and X is an oxygen or a sulfur atom; and

R^{10} and R^{11} are independently alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl or (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Fig. 15(a)

1. A compound of the following formula:



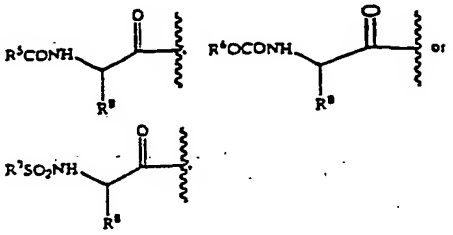
wherein:

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1 or 2;

A is R^2CO—, R^3—O—CO—, or R^4SO_2—,

or a group of the formula:



R^1 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl or phenylalkyl,

R^2 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^3 is alkyl, cycloalkyl (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl;

R^4 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^5 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^6 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl or (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl;

R^7 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl; and

R^8 is an amino acid side chain of a naturally occurring α-amino acid or a non-protein α-amino acid; and

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl, or halomethyl;

a group of the formula:

$$—CH_2XR^9;$$

a group of the formula:

$$—CH_2—O—CO—\text{(five- or six-membered heteroaryl)};\text{ or}$$

a group of the formula:

$$—CH_2—O—PO—(R^{10})R^{11};$$

R^9 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl, five- or six-membered heteroaryl, or (five- or six-membered heteroaryl)alkyl; and X is an oxygen or a sulfur atom; and

R^{10} and R^{11} are independently alkyl, cycloalkyl phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, or (mono- or di-substituted phenyl)alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Fig. 15(b)

1	(2S-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)amino]-4-oxobutanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
2	(2-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
3	(2S-cis)-5-[Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid
4	(2S-cis)-[5-Amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-Oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
5	(2S-cis)-[5-(N-Acetyl-(S)-aspartyl-β-tert-butyl ester)-amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
6	(2S-cis)-[5-(N-Acetyl-(S)-aspartyl)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
7	(2S-cis)-[5-(N-Acetyl-(S)-aspartyl)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid
8	(2S-cis)-[5-Succinylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester Semicarbazone
9	(2S-cis)-[5-Succinylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
10	(2S-cis)-[5-Succinylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid
11	(2S-cis)-[5-(N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-aspartyl)-Θ-tert-butyl ester)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
12	(2S-cis)-[5-(N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-aspartyl)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
13	(2S-cis)-[5-(N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-aspartyl)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid

Fig. 15(c)

14	(2S-cis)-[5-Dihydrocinnamylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
15	(2S-cis)-[5-Dihydrocinnamylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
16	(2S-cis)-[5-Dihydrocinnamylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester
17	(2S-cis)-[5-Acetylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
18	(2S-cis)-[5-Acetylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
19	(2S-cis)-[5-Acetylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid
20	(2S-cis)-[5-(1-Naphthoyl)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
21	(2S-cis)-[5-(1-Naphthoyl)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
22	(2S-cis)-[5-(1-Naphthoyl)amino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid
23	(2S-cis)-[5-Benzoylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
24	(2S-cis)-[5-Benzoylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone
25	(2S-cis)-[5-Benzoylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid
26	(3R,S-cis)-6-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-oxo-2,3,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-1H-azepino[3,2,1-hi]quinoline-3-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid tert-butyl ester semicarbazone
27	(3R,S-cis)-6-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-oxo-2,3,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-1H-azepino[3,2,1-hi]quinoline-3-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid semicarbazone

Fig. 15(d)

28	(3R,S-cis)-6-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-oxo-2,3,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-1H-azepino[3,2,1-hi]quinoline-3-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-butanoic acid
29	3{(2S-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]}-5-fluoro-4-hydroxy-pentanoic acid tert-butyl ester
30	3{(2S-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]}-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid tert-butyl ester
31	3{(2S-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]}-5-fluoro-4-oxo-pentanoic acid
32	3{(2S-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]}-5-bromo-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
34	3{(2S-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl)-amino]}-5-(diphenylphosphinyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid, tert-butyl ester
35	3{(2S-cis)-[5-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,-hexahydro-4-oxoazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-2-carbonyl]-amino]}-5-(diphenylphosphinyl)oxy-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

Fig. 15(e)

compounds of the Formula 1:

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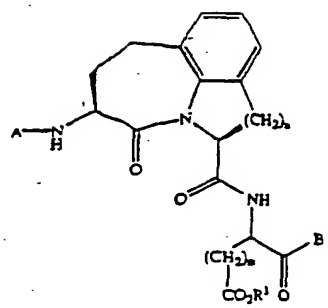


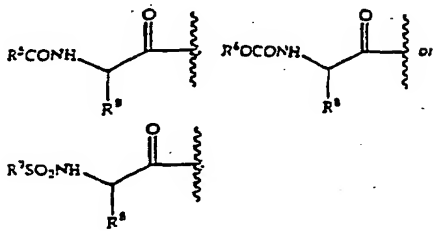
wherein:

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1 or 2;

A is R^2CO—, R^3—O—CO—, or R^4SO_2—;

a group of the formula:



further wherein:

R^1 is a hydrogen atom, alkyl or phenylalkyl;

R^2 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (substituted phenyl) alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^3 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (substituted phenyl)alkyl;

R^4 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (substituted phenyl) —alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^5 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (substituted phenyl) alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^6 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or (substituted phenyl)alkyl;

R^7 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (substituted phenyl) alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^8 is an amino acid side chain chosen from the group consisting of natural and unnatural amino acids;

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, (substituted)phenyl, (substituted)phenylalkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, or halomethyl;

a group of the formula

$—CH_2XR^5$:

wherein R^5 is phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenyl, (substituted phenyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl) alkyl; and X is an oxygen or a sulfur atom;

a group of the formula:

$—CH_2—O—CO—(aryl)$;

a group of the formula:

$—CH_2—O—CO—(heteroaryl)$;

a group of the formula:

$—CH_2—O—PO—(R^{10})R^{11}$;

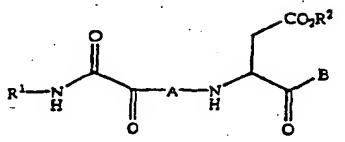
wherein R^{10} and R^{11} are independently selected from a group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, and (substituted phenyl) alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

Fig. 15(f)

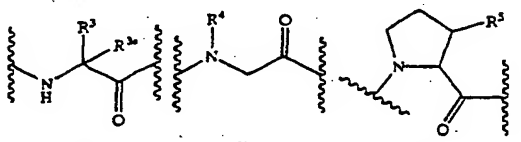
1. A compound of the following formula:

Formula I



wherein:

A is a natural or unnatural amino acid of Formula IIa–i:



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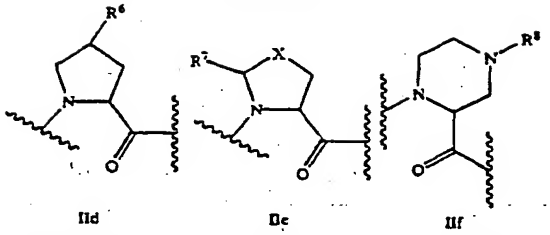

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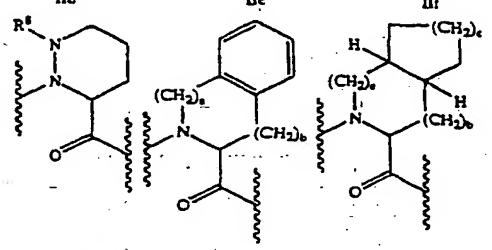
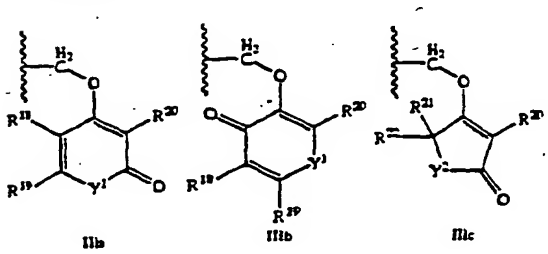


IIg IIh IIi

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, C_{1-10} straight chain or branched alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, 2-benzoxazolyl, substituted 2-oxazolyl, $(CH_2)_n$ cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), $(CH_2)_n$(heteroaryl), halomethyl, CO_2R^{12}, $CONR^{13}R^{14}$, CH_2ZR^{15},

Fig. 16(a)

CH_2OCO(aryl), CH_2OCO(heteroaryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^{36})R^{37}$, where Z is an oxygen or a sulfur atom, or B is a group of the Formula IIIa–c:



IIIa IIIb IIIc

R^1 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, (1 or 2 naphthyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, $R^{1a}(R^{1b})N$, $R^{1c}O$, 2-phenoxyphenyl or 2- or 3- benzylphenyl; and

R^2 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or substituted phenylalkyl; and wherein:

R^{1a} and R^{1b} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, (1 or 2 naphthyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl, with the proviso that R^{1a} and R^{1b} cannot both be hydrogen;

R^{1c} is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, (1 or 2 naphthyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^3 is C_{1-6} lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_nNH_2$, $(CH_2)_nNHCOR^9$, $(CH_2)_nN(C{=}NH)NH_2$, $(CH_2)_nCO_2R^9$, $(CH_2)_mOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_mSR^{11}$, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl) or $(CH_2)_n$(heteroaryl), wherein heteroaryl includes pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, triazinyl, tetrazolyl, and indolyl;

R^{3a} is hydrogen or methyl, or R^3 and R^{3a} taken together are $-(CH_2)_d-$ where d is an interger from 2 to 6;

R^4 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), cycloalkyl, or benzofused cycloalkyl;

R^5 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^6 is hydrogen, fluorine, oxo, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{10}, SR^{11} or $NHCOR^9$;

R^7 is hydrogen, oxo, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^8 is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or COR^9;

R^9 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{12}, or $NR^{13}R^{14}$;

R^{10} is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{11} is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{12} is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{13} is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{14} is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

or R^{13} and R^{14} taken together form a five to seven membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, such as morpholine, or N-substituted piperazine;

R^{15} is phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, heteroaryl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(heteroaryl);

R^{16} and R^{17} are independently lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, or (cycloalkyl)alkyl;

R^{18} and R^{19} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or R^{18} and R^{19} taken together are $-(CH{=}CH)_2-$;

R^{20} is hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl);

R^{21}, R^{22} and R^{23} are independently hydrogen, or alkyl;

X is CH_2, $(CH_2)_2$, $(CH_2)_3$, or S;

Y^1 is O or NR^{23};

Y^2 is CH_2, O, or NR^{23};

a is 0 or 1 and b is 1 or 2, provided that when a is 1 then b is 1;

c is 1 or 2, provided that when c is 1 then a is 0 and b is 1;

m is 1 or 2; and

n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

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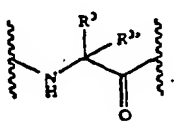


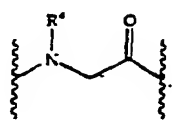
3. The compound of claim 2 wherein

R^3 is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_nNH_2$, $(CH_2)_mOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_mSR^{11}$, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl); and

R^{3a} is hydrogen.

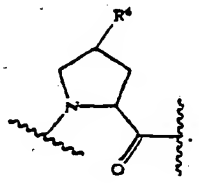
Fig. 16(b)

4. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

IIb 

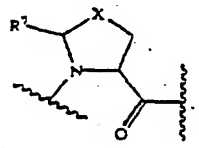
5. The compound of claim 4 wherein R^4 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl,$(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), cycloalkyl, or 2-indanyl.

6. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

IId 

7. The compound of claim 6 wherein R^6 is hydrogen, fluorine, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{10}, or SR^{22}.

8. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

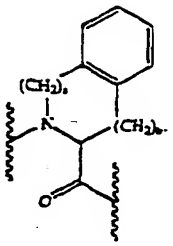
IIe 

9. The compound of claim 8 wherein

R^7 is hydrogen, oxo, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, or naphthyl; and

X-CH_2, $(CH_2)_2$ $(CH_2)_3$, or S.

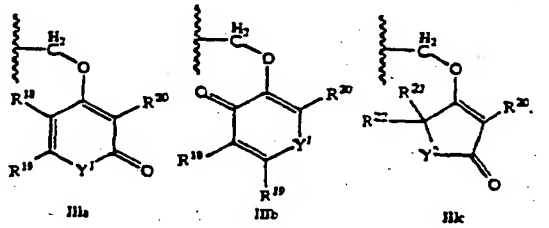
10. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

IIk 

11. The compound of claim 10 wherein a is 0.

12. The compound of claim 1 wherein B is hydrogen, 2-benzoxazolyl, substituted 2-oxazolyl, CH_2ZR^{15}, CH_2OCO(aryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^{20})R^{17}$, and wherein Z is an oxygen or a sulfur atom.

13. The compound of claim 1 wherein B is



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14. The compound of claim 13 wherein R^{18} and R^{19} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, or phenyl, or wherein R^{18} and R^{19} taken together are $—(CH{=}CH)_2—$.

15. The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, (1 or 2 naphthyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl.

16. The compound of claim 3 wherein R^3 is methyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, cyclohexylmethyl, t-butyl, cyclohexyl or phenyl.

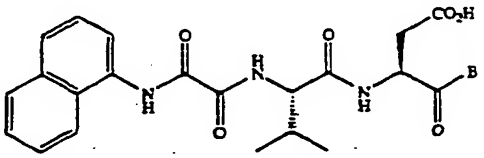
17. The compound of claim 16 wherein B is CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl).

18. The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is 1-naphthyl and A is valine.

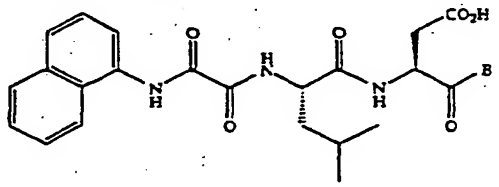
19. The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is 1-naphthyl and B is CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl).

20. A composition comprising a compound of claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Fig. 16(c)

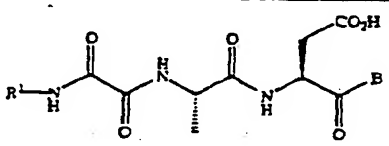


Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	neg.
5	CH_2O(2,6-diF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{27}F_2N_3O_7$	555.53	578(M + Na)	554(M - H)
6	CH_2O(2,4,6-triF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{26}F_3N_3O_7$	573.52	596(M + Na)	572(M - H)
7	CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetraF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{25}F_4N_3O_7$	591.51	614(M + Na)	590(M - H)
8	CH_2O(6-Me-2-pyron-4-yl)	$C_{28}H_{29}N_3O_9$	551.55	574(M + Na)	550(M - H)
9	CH_2O(2-Ph-5,6-benzopyran-4-on-3-yl)	$C_{37}H_{33}N_3O_9$	663.68	686(M + Na)	662(M - H)
10	CH_2OPO(Me)Ph	$C_{29}H_{32}N_3O_8P$	581.56	582(M + H) 604(M + Na)	580(M - H) 694(M + TFA)
11	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{34}H_{34}N_3O_8P$	643.63	666(M + Na)	642(M - H)
12	CH_2O(2-CF_3-pyrimidin-4-yl)	$C_{27}H_{26}F_3N_5O_7$	589.53	612(M + Na)	588(M - H)
13	CH_2O(5-CO_2Me-isoxazol-3-yl)	$C_{27}H_{28}N_4O_{10}$	568.54	591(M + Na)	567(M - H)
14	CH_2OPO(Me)(1-naphthyl)	$C_{33}H_{34}N_3O_8P$	631.62	654(M + Na)	630(M - H) 744(M + TFA)



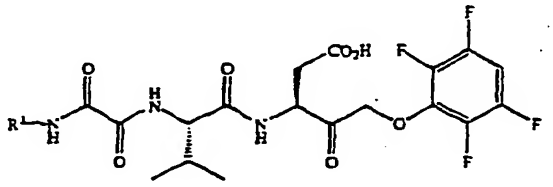
Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	neg.
16	CH_2OCO(2,6-diCl—Ph)	$C_{30}H_{29}Cl_2N_3O_8$	630.48	652/654(M + Na)	628/630(M - H)
17	CH_2O(2,4,6-triF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{26}F_3N_3O_7$	587.55	610(M + Na)	586(M - H)
18	CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetraF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{25}F_4N_3O_7$	605.54	628(M + Na)	604(M - H)
19	CH_2OPO(Me)Ph	$C_{30}H_{34}N_3O_8P$	595.59	596(M + H) 618(M + Na)	594(M - H) 708(M + TFA)

Fig. 16(d)



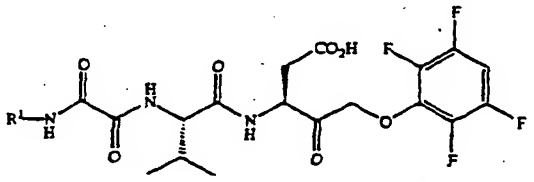
Ex	R^1	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
20	(2-Ph)Ph	CH_2O(2-F—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{26}FN_3O_7$	535.53	558(M + Na)	
21	(2-Ph)Ph	CH_2OCO(2,6-di-Cl—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{25}Cl_2N_3O_8$	614.44	652/654(M + K)	534(M - H) 612/614(M - H)
22	(2-Ph)Ph	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{34}H_{32}N_3O_8P$	641.61	664(M + Na)	640(M - H)
23	(2-t-Bu)Ph	CH_2O(2-F—Ph)	$C_{26}H_{30}FN_3O_7$	515.54	680(M + K) 516(M + H) 538(M + Na)	514(M - H)
24	(2-t-Bu)Ph	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{32}H_{36}N_3O_8P$	621.63	554(M + K) 644(M + Na)	620(M - H)
25	1-naphthyl-CH_2	CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetra-F—Ph)	$C_{27}H_{23}F_4N_3O_7$	577.48	666(M + K) 600(M + Na)	576(M - H)
26	1-naphthyl-CH_2	CH_2OCO(2,6-di-Cl—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{25}Cl_2N_3O_8$	602.42	636(M + K) 624/626(M + Na) 640/642(M + K)	600/602(M - H)
27	1-naphthyl-CH_2	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{33}H_{32}N_3O_8P$	629.60	652(M + Na) 668(M + K)	714/716(M + TFA) 628(M - H)

Fig. 16(e)



Ex.	R^1	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
29	$PhCH_2$	$C_{25}H_{25}F_6N_3O_7$	555.48	556(M + H) 578(M + Na)	554(M - H)
30	$Ph(CH_2)_2$	$C_{26}H_{27}F_6N_3O_7$	569.51	592(M + Na)	568(M - H)
31	Ph_2CH	$C_{31}H_{29}F_6N_3O_7$	631.58	654(M + Na)	630(M - H)
32	Ph	$C_{24}H_{23}F_6N_3O_7$	541.46	564(M + Na)	540(M - H)
33	(2-Ph)Ph	$C_{30}H_{27}F_6N_3O_7$	617.55	640(M + Na)	616(M - H) 730(M + TFA)
34	(2-$PhCH_2$)Ph	$C_{31}H_{29}F_6N_3O_7$	631.58	654(M + Na)	630(M - H)
35	(3-*PhO*)Ph	$C_{30}H_{27}F_6N_3O_8$	633.55	634(M + H) 656(M + Na)	632(M - H)
36	4-Cl-1-naphthyl	$C_{28}H_{24}ClF_6N_3O_7$	625.96	648/650(M + Na)	624/626(M - H)
37	2-anthryl	$C_{32}H_{27}F_6N_3O_7$	641.57	642(M + H)	640(M - H)
38	2-benzimidazolyl	$C_{25}H_{22}F_6N_5O_7$	581.48	582(M + H) 604(M + Na)	580(M - H)
39	1-adamantanyl	$C_{28}H_{33}F_6N_3O_7$	599.58	600(M + H)	598(M - H)
40	(2-F)Ph	$C_{24}H_{22}F_7N_3O_7$	559.45	582(M + Na)	558(M - H) 672(M + TFA)
41	(4-F)Ph	$C_{24}H_{22}F_7N_3O_7$	559.45	582(M + Na)	558(M - H) 672(M + TFA)
42	(2-CF_3)Ph	$C_{25}H_{22}F_9N_3O_7$	609.45	632(M + Na)	608(M - H) 722(M + TFA)
43	(2-t-Bu)Ph	$C_{28}H_{31}F_6N_3O_7$	597.56	620(M + Na)	596(M - H) 710(M + TFA)
44	(4-n-heptyl)Ph	$C_{31}H_{37}F_6N_3O_7$	639.64	662(M + Na)	638(M - H)
45	(2-CH_3O)Ph	$C_{25}H_{25}F_6N_3O_8$	571.48	594(M + Na)	570(M - H)
46	(2-PhO)Ph	$C_{30}H_{27}F_6N_3O_8$	633.55	656(M + Na)	632(M - H) 746(M + TFA)
47	2-naphthyl	$C_{28}H_{25}F_6N_3O_7$	591.51	614(M + Na)	590(M - H)
48	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	$C_{28}H_{29}F_6N_3O_7$	595.55	618(M + Na)	594(M - H)
49	1-anthryl	$C_{32}H_{27}F_6N_3O_7$	641.57	664(M + Na)	640(M - H)
50	2-pyridinyl	$C_{23}H_{22}F_6N_4O_7$	542.44	543(M + H)	541(M - H)
51	4-pyridinyl	$C_{23}H_{22}F_6N_4O_7$	542.44	543(M + H)	541(M - H)
52	2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-pyridinyl	$C_{23}H_{18}F_8N_4O_7$	614.40	615(M + H)	613(M - H)
53	2-pyrazinyl	$C_{22}H_{21}F_6N_5O_7$	543.43	544(M + H)	542(M - H)
54	1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	$C_{28}H_{29}F_6N_3O_7$	595.55	596(M + H) 618(M + Na) 634(M + K)	594(M - H) 708(M + TFA)
55	(2-Cl)Ph	$C_{24}H_{22}ClF_6N_3O_7$	575.90	598/600(M + Na)	574/576(M - H)
56	(2-Br)Ph	$C_{24}H_{22}BrF_6N_3O_7$	620.35	644/642(M + Na)	620/618(M - H) 734/732(M + TFA)
57	(2-I)Ph	$C_{24}H_{22}F_6IN_3O_7$	667.35	690(M + Na) 706(M + K)	666(M - H) 780(M + TFA)
58	(2,6-di-F)Ph	$C_{24}H_{21}F_8N_3O_7$	577.44	600(M + Na)	576(M - H) 690(M + TFA)
59	(2,5-di-t-Bu)Ph	$C_{32}H_{39}F_6N_3O_7$	653.67	654(M + H) 676(M + Na) 692(M + K)	652(M - H) 688(M + Cl) 766(M + TFA)

Fig. 16(f)



Ex.	R^1	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
60	5-indanyl	$C_{27}H_{27}F_6N_3O_7$	581.52	604(M + Na) 620(M + K)	580(M - H) 694(M + TFA)
61	(3,4,5-tri-MeO)PhCH$_2$	$C_{28}H_{31}F_6N_3O_{10}$	645.56	646(M + H) 668(M + Na) 684(M + K)	644(M - H)
62	methyl	$C_{19}H_{21}F_6N_3O_7$	479.38	502(M + Na)	478(M - H) 592(M + TFA)
63	n-heptyl	$C_{25}H_{33}F_6N_3O_7$	563.55	586(M + Na) 602(M + K)	562(M - H) 676(M + TFA)
64	t-octyl	$C_{26}H_{35}F_6N_3O_7$	577.57	600(M + Na)	576(M - H)
65	cyclo-hexyl	$C_{24}H_{29}F_6N_3O_7$	547.50	548(M + H) 570(M + Na) 586(M + K)	546(M - H) 660(M + TFA)
66	5-Ph-3-pyrazolyl	$C_{27}H_{25}F_6N_5O_7$	607.52	630(M + Na) 646(M + K)	606(M - H)
67	(2-F-4-I)Ph	$C_{24}H_{21}F_7IN_3O_7$	685.34	686(M + H) 708(M + Na) 724(M + K)	684(M - H) 720(M + Cl)
68	(2,3,4,5-tetra-F)Ph	$C_{24}H_{19}F_8N_3O_7$	613.41	614(M + H) 636(M + Na) 652(M + K)	612(M - H) 726(M + TFA)
69	(2,3,4,6-tetra-F)Ph	$C_{24}H_{19}F_8N_3O_7$	613.41	614(M + H) 636(M + Na) 652(M + K)	612(M - H) 726(M + TFA)
70	(2,3,5,6-tetra-Cl)Ph	$C_{24}H_{19}Cl_4F_4N_3O_7$	679.23	700/702/704(M + Na) 716/718/720(M + K)	676/678/680(M - H) 790/792/794(M + TFA)
71	(2,3,4,5,6-penta-F)Ph	$C_{24}H_{18}F_9N_3O_7$	631.40	654(M + Na) 670(M + K)	630(M - H) 666(M + Cl)
72	Ph$_2$N	$C_{30}H_{28}F_6N_4O_7$	632.57	633(M + H) 655(M + Na)	631(M - H) 745(M + TFA)
73	PHCH$_2$(Ph)N	$C_{31}H_{30}F_6N_4O_7$	646.59	647(M + H) 669(M + Na) 685(M + K)	645(M - H) 681(M + Cl)
74	PhCH$_2$O	$C_{25}H_{25}F_6N_3O_7$	571.48	594(M + Na)	570(M - H) 684(M + TFA)

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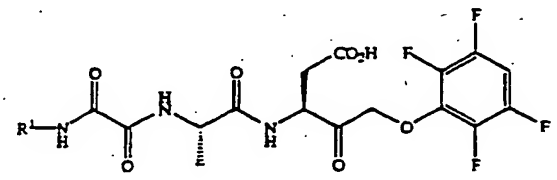
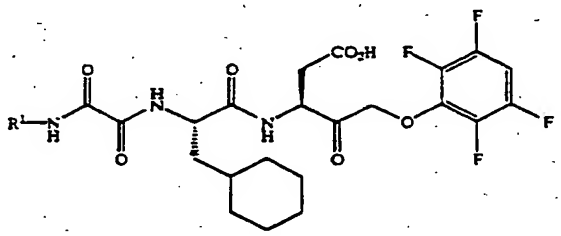
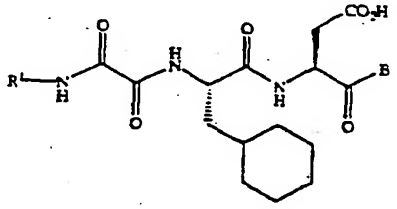


Ex.	R^1	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
76	(2-CF_3)Ph	$C_{23}H_{18}F_7N_3O_7$	581.40	604(M + Na)	580(M - H)
77	(2-Ph)Ph	$C_{28}H_{23}F_6N_3O_7$	589.50	612(M + Na)	588(M - H)
78	(2-PhCH$_2$)Ph	$C_{29}H_{25}F_6N_3O_7$	603.53	604(M + H)	602(M - H)
79	(2-PhO)Ph	$C_{28}H_{23}F_6N_3O_8$	605.50	628(M + Na)	604(M - H)
80	(3-PhO)Ph	$C_{28}H_{23}F_6N_3O_8$	605.50	628(M + Na)	604(M - H)
81	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	$C_{26}H_{25}F_6N_3O_7$	567.49	590(M + Na)	566(M - H)
82	1-naphthyl	$C_{26}H_{21}F_6N_3O_7$	563.46	586(M + Na) 608(M + K)	562(M - H)
83	Ph	$C_{22}H_{19}F_6N_3O_7$	513.40	552(M + K)	512(M - H)
84	(2,6-di-F)Ph	$C_{22}H_{17}F_8N_3O_7$	549.38	572(M + Na)	548(M - H) 662(M + TFA)
85	(4-Ph)Ph	$C_{28}H_{23}F_6N_3O_7$	589.50	—	588(M - H)
86	(4-MeO)Ph	$C_{23}H_{21}F_6N_3O_8$	543.43	582(M + K)	542(M - H)
87	Ph_2CH	$C_{29}H_{25}F_6N_3O_7$	603.53	642(M + K)	602(M - H)

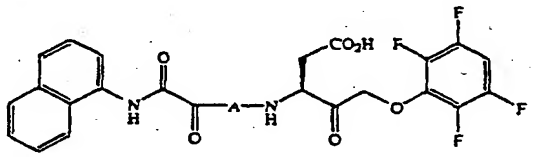


Ex.	R^1	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
89	(2-Ph)Ph	$C_{34}H_{33}F_6N_3O_7$	671.64	672(M + H) 694(M + Na)	670(M - H) 784(M + TFA)
90	(2-PhCH$_2$)Ph	$C_{35}H_{35}F_6N_3O_7$	685.67	708(M + Na)	684(M - H) 798(M + TFA)
91	1-naphthyl	$C_{32}H_{31}F_6N_3O_7$	645.61	668(M + Na)	644(M - H) 758(M + TFA)

Fig. 16(h)

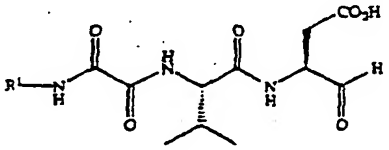


Ex.	R^1	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
93	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetra-F-Ph)	$C_{32}H_{35}F_4N_3O_7$	649.64	672(M + Na)	648(M - H)
94	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	$CH_2OPO(Me)Ph$	$C_{32}H_{42}N_3O_6P$	639.68	662(M + Na)	638(M - H) 752(M + TFA)
95	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{38}H_{44}N_3O_6P$	701.75	724(M + Na) 740(M + K)	700(M + H)
96	(2-PhCH$_2$)Ph	$CH_2OPO(Me)Ph$	$C_{38}H_{42}N_3O_6P$	675.72	698(M + Na) 714(M + K)	674(M - H) 788(M + TFA)
97	(2-PhCH$_2$)Ph	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{43}H_{44}N_3O_6P$	737.79	760(M + Na) 776(M + K)	736(M - H) 850(M + TFA)
98	(2-Ph)Ph	$CH_2OPO(Me)Ph$	$C_{37}H_{40}N_3O_6P$	661.68	684(M + Na) 700(M + K)	660(M - H) 774(M + TFA)
99	(2-Ph)Ph	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{42}H_{42}N_3O_6P$	723.75	746(M + Na) 762(M + K)	722(M - H) 836(M + TFA)



Ex.	A	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
103	norleucine	$C_{29}H_{27}F_4N_3O_7$	605.54	628(M + Na) 644(M + K)	604(M - H) 640(M + Cl) 718(M + TFA)
104	(t-butyl)glycine	$C_{29}H_{27}F_4N_3O_7$	605.54	606(M + H) 628(M + Na) 644(M + K)	604(M - H) 640(M + Cl) 718(M + TFA)
105	(t-butyl)alanine	$C_{30}H_{29}F_4N_3O_7$	619.57	620(M + H) 642(M + Na) 658(M + K)	618(M - H) 732(M + TFA)
106	phenylglycine	$C_{31}H_{23}F_4N_3O_7$	625.53	626(M + H) 648(M + Na) 664(M + K)	624(M - H) 660(M + Cl) 738(M + TFA)
107	phenylalanine	$C_{32}H_{25}F_4N_3O_7$	639.56	640(M + H) 662(M + Na) 678(M + K)	638(M - H) 674(M + Cl) 712(M + TFA)
108	homophenylalanine	$C_{33}H_{27}F_4N_3O_7$	653.59	654(M + H) 676(M + Na) 692(M + K)	652(M - H) 688(M + Cl) 766(M + TFA)
109	1-aminocyclopentane carboxylic acid	$C_{29}H_{25}F_4N_3O_7$	603.5 3	626(M + Na) 642(M + K)	602(M - H)

Fig. 16(i)



Ex.	R^1	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
114	Ph	$C_{17}H_{21}N_3O_6$	363.37	386(M + Na) 402(M + K)	362(M - H)
115	$PhCH_2$	$C_{18}H_{23}N_3O_6$	377.40	400(M + Na)	376(M - H)
116	$Ph(CH_2)_2$	$C_{19}H_{25}N_3O_6$	391.42	414(M + Na) 430(M + K)	390(M - H) 504(M + TFA)
117	(2-CF_3)Ph	$C_{18}H_{20}F_3N_3O_6$	431.37	454(M + Na)	430(M - H)
118	(2-t-Bu)Ph	$C_{21}H_{29}N_3O_6$	419.48	442(M + Na) 458(M + K)	418(M - H) 532(M + TFA)
119	(2-Ph)Ph	$C_{23}H_{25}N_3O_6$	439.47	462(M + Na) 478(M + K)	438(M - H) 552(M + TFA)
120	(2-$PhCH_2$)Ph	$C_{24}H_{27}N_3O_6$	453.49	476(M + Na) 492(M + K)	452(M - H) 566(M + TFA)
121	(2-PhO)Ph	$C_{23}H_{25}N_3O_7$	455.47	478(M + Na) 494(M + K)	454(M - H) 568(M + TFA)
122	2-naphthyl	$C_{21}H_{23}N_3O_6$	413.43	436(M + Na) 452(M + K)	412(M - H) 526(M + TFA)
123	1-naphthyl	$C_{21}H_{23}N_3O_6$	413.43	436(M + Na) 452(M + K)	412(M - H) 526(M + TFA)
124	4-Cl-1-naphthyl	$C_{21}H_{22}ClN_3O_6$	447.87	470/472 (M + Na) 486/488 (M + K)	446/448(M - H)
125	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	$C_{21H27}N_3O_6$	417.46	440(M + Na) 456(M + K)	416(M - H) 530(M + TFA)
126	1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	$C_{21}H_{27}N_3O_6$	417.46	440(M + Na) 456(M + K)	416(M - H) 530(M + TFA)
127	(1-naphthyl)CH_2	$C_{22}H_{25}N_3O_6$	427.46	450(M + Na) 466(M + K)	426(M - H) 540(M + TFA)

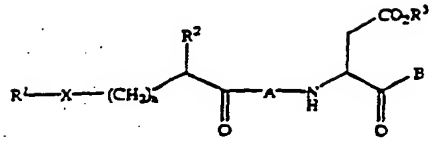
Fig. 16(j)

1	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Leucinyl] Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
2	(3RS)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Leucinyl] Amino-5-Fluoro-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
3	(3RS)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Valinyl] Amino-5-Fluoro-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
4	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Valinyl] Amino-5-(2',6'-Dichlorobenzoyloxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
15	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Leucinyl] Amino-5(Diphenylphosphinyloxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
28	(3S)-3[N-(N'-(1-Naphthylmethyl)Oxamyl)Valinyl) Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetrafluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
75	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(2-tert-Butylphenyl)Oxamyl)Alaninyl]Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetraflluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
88	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(2-Phenoxyphenyl)Oxamyl)Cyclohexylalaninyl]Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetraflluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
92	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)-Cyclohexylalaninyl] Amino-5-(2',6'-Dichlorobenzoyloxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
100	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Homoprolinyl] Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetrafluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
101	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Indoline-2-Carbonyl]Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetrafluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
102	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Cyclohexylglycinyl]Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetrafluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
110	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Methioninyl](Sulfoxide)]Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetrafluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
111	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Naphthyl)Oxamyl)Homoprolinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
112	(3S-3-[N-(N'-(2-(1H-Tetrazol-5-yl)Phenyl)Oxamyl)Valinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
113	(3S)-3-[N-(N'-(1-Adamantanyl)Oxamyl)Valinyl] Amino-4-Oxybutanoic Acid

Fig. 16(k)

the compounds of the Formula I:

Formula I



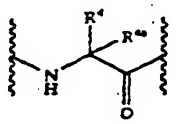
wherein:

n is 0, 1 or2;

X is CH_2, C=O, O, S or NH;

A is a natural or unnatural amino acid of Formula IIa–i:

IIa



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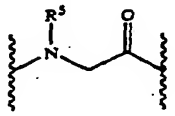

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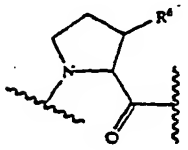

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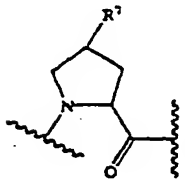

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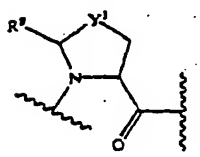

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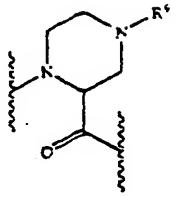

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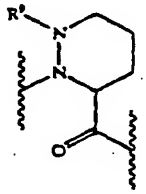

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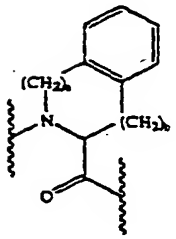

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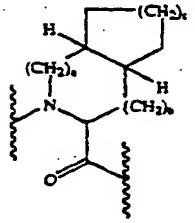
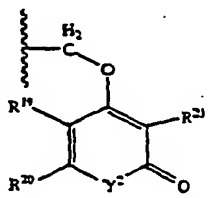


B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, C_{1-10} straight chain or branched alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, 2-benzoxazolyl, substituted 2-oxazolyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1- or 2-naphthyl), $(CH_2)_m$heteroaryl, halomethyl, CO_2R^{13}, $CONR^{14}R^{15}$, CH_2ZR^{16}, CH_2OCO(aryl), CH_2OCO(heteroaryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^{17})R^{18}$, where Z is an oxygen or a sulfur atom, or B is a group of the Formula IIIa–c:

IIIa



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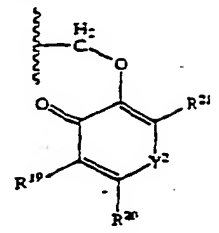

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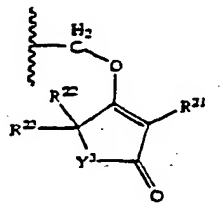


R^1 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, heteroaryl, or substituted heteroaryl;

R^2 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_mNH_2$, $(CH_2)_mNHCOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_mN(C{=}NH)NH_2$, $(CH_2)_pCO_2R^9$, $(CH_2)_pOR^{11}$, $(CH_2)_pSR^{12}$, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_m$heteroaryl, wherein heteroaryl includes (but is not limited to) pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, triazinyl, tetrazolyl, and indolyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or substituted phenylalkyl; and wherein

R^4 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_mNH_2$, $(CH_2)_mNHCOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_mN(C{=}NH)NH_2$, $(CH_2)_pCO_2R^9$, $(CH_2)_pOR^{11}$, $(CH_2)_pSR^{12}$, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_m$heteroaryl, wherein heteroaryl includes (but is not limited to) pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, triazinyl, tetrazolyl, and indolyl;

R^{4a} is hydrogen or methyl, or R^4 and R^{4a} taken together are $-(CH_2)_d-$ where d is an interger from 2 to 6;

R^5 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_p$phenyl, $(CH_2)_p$(substituted phenyl), cycloalkyl, or benzofused cycloalkyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^7 is hydrogen, fluorine, oxo (i.e., =O), alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{13}, SR^{12}, or $NHCOR^{10}$;

R^8 is hydrogen, oxo, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^9 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or COR^{10};

R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{13}, or $NR^{14}R^{15}$;

R^{11} is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{12} is alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{13} is alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{14} is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{15} is hydrogen or alkyl; or

R^{14} and R^{15} taken together form a five, six or seven membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, such as morpholine or N-substituted piperazine;

R^{16} is phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, heteroaryl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_m$heteroaryl;

R^{17} and R^{18} are independently alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, or phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, or (cycloalkyl)alkyl;

R^{19} and R^{20} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, or $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or R^{19} and R^{20} taken together are $-(CH{=}CH)_2-$;

R^{21} is hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl);

R^{22}, R^{23} and R^{24} are independently hydrogen or alkyl;

Y^1 is CH_2, $(CH_2)_2$, $(CH_2)_3$, or S;

Y^2 is O or NR^{24};

Y^3 is CH_2, O, or NR^{24};

a is 0 or 1 and b is 1 or 2, provided that when a is 1 then b is 1;

c is 1 or 2, provided that when c is 1 then a is 0 and b is 1;

m is 1, 2,3or 4; and

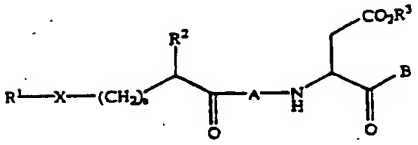
p is 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Fig. 16(m)

1. An isolated compound of the following formula:

Formula I



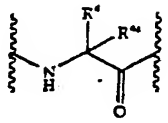
wherein:

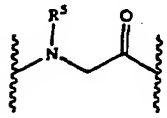
n is 0, 1 or 2;

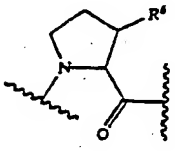
X is CH_2, C=O, O, S or NH;

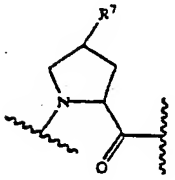
Fig. 17(a)

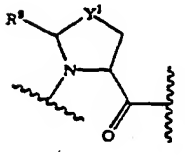
A is a moiety of Formula IIa-i:

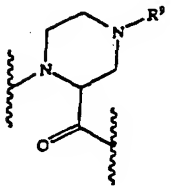
IIa 

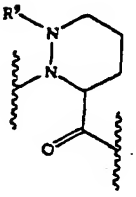
IIb 

IIc 

IId 

IIe 

IIf 

IIg 

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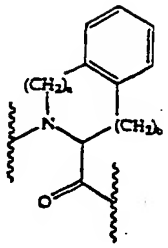
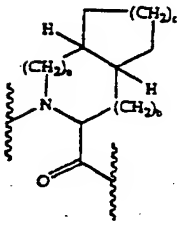
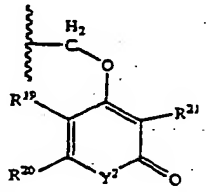
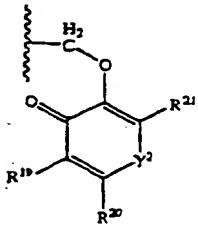
IIh 

IIi 

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, C_{1-10} straight chain branched alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, 2-benzoxazolyl, substituted 2-oxazolyl, $(CH_2)_m$ cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), $(CH_2)_m$heteroaryl, halomethyl, CO_2R^{13}, $CONR^{14}R^{15}$, CH_2ZR^{16}, CH_2OCO(aryl), CH_2OCO(heteroaryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^{17})R^{18}$, where Z is an oxygen or a sulfur atom, or B is a group of the Formula IIIa-c:

IIIa 

IIIb 

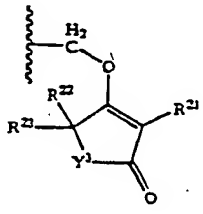
IIIc 

Fig. 17(b)

R^2 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, heteroaryl, or substituted heteroaryl;

R^3 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_mNH_2$, $(CH_2)_mNHCOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_mN(C{=}NH)NH_2$, $(CH_2)_pCO_2R^5$, $(CH_2)_pOR^{11}$, $(CH_2)_pSR^{12}$, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_m$heteroaryl, wherein heteroaryl includes (but is not limited to) pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, triazinyl, tetrazolyl, and indolyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or substituted phenylalkyl; and wherein

R^4 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_mNH_2$, $(CH_2)_mNHCOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_mN(C{=}NH)NH_2$, $(CH_2)_pCO_2R^5$, $(CH_2)_pOR^{11}$, $(CH_2)_pSR^{12}$, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_m$ heteroaryl, wherein heteroaryl includes (but is not limited to) pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, triazinyl, tetrazolyl, and indolyl;

R^{4a} is hydrogen, or methyl, or R^4 and R^{4a} taken together are $-(CH_2)_d-$ where d is an interger from 2 to 6;

R^5 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_p$phenyl, $(CH_2)_p$(substituted phenyl), cycloalkyl, or benzofused cycloalkyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^7 is hydrogen, fluorine, oxo, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{13}, SR^{12}, or $NHCOR^{10}$;

R^8 is hydrogen, oxo, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^9 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or COR^{10};

R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{15}, or $NR^{14}R^{15}$;

R^{11} is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{12} is alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{13} is alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{14} is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{15} is hydrogen or alkyl; or

R^{14} and R^{15} taken together form a five, six or seven membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, such as morpholine or N-substituted piperazine;

R^{16} is phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, heteroaryl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_m$heteroaryl;

R^{17} and R^{18} are independently alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, or phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, or (cycloalkyl)alkyl;

R^{19} and R^{20} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, or $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or R^{19} and R^{20} taken together are $-(CH{=}CH)_2-$;

R^{21} is hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$ phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl);

R^{22}, R^{23} and R^{24} are independently hydrogen or alkyl;

Y^1 is CH_2, $(CH_2)_2$, $(CH_2)_3$, or S;

Y^2 is O or NR^{24};

Y^3 is CH_2, O, or NR^{24};

a is 0 or 1 and b is 1 or 2, provided that when a is 1 then b is 1;

c is 1 or 2, provided that when c is 1 then a is 0 and b is 1;

m is 1,2,3 or 4; and

p is 1 or 2;

or a salt thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1 where X is oxygen.

3. The compound of claim 1 where X is sulfur.

4. The compound of claim 1 where X is NH.

5. The compound of claim 1 where X is CH_2.

6. The compound of claim 1 where X is C=O.

7. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

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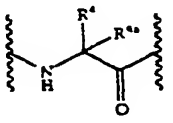

8. The compound of claim 1 wherein

R^4 is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_mNH_2$, $(CH_2)_mOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_mSR^{12}$, $(CH_2)_m$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_m$(1 or 2-naphthyl); and

R^{4a} is hydrogen.

9. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

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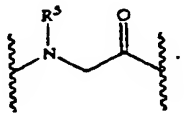

10. The compound of claim 9 wherein R^5 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$phenyl, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), cycloalkyl, or 2-indanyl.

Fig. 17(c)

11. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

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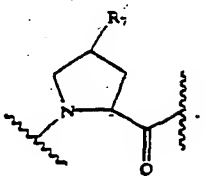

12. The compound of claim 11 wherein R^7 is hydrogen, fluorine, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{20}, or SR^{21}.

13. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

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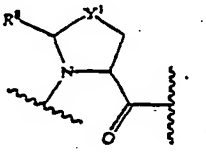

14. The compound of claim 13 wherein

R^8 is hydrogen, oxo, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, or naphthyl; and

Y^1 is CH_2, $(CH_2)_2$, $(C_2)_3$, or S.

15. The compound of claim 1 wherein A is

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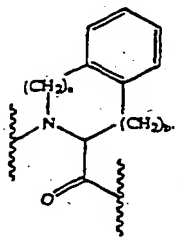

16. The compound of claim 15 wherein a is 0.

17. The compound of claim 1 wherein

B is hydrogen, 2-benzoxazolyl, substituted 2-oxazolyl, CH_2ZR^{15}, CH_2OCO(aryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^{16})R^{17}$; and

Z is O or S.

18. The compound of claim 1 wherein B is

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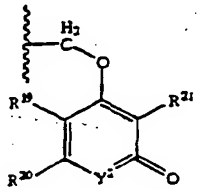

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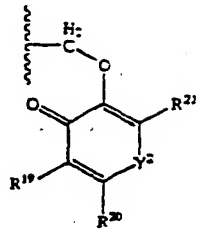

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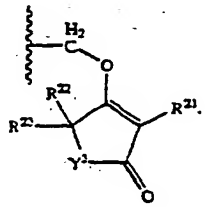


19. The compound of claim 18 wherein R^{19} and R^{20} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, or phenyl, or wherein R^{19} and R^{20} taken together are $—(CH=CH)_2—$.

20. The compound of claim 1 wherein

X is O or NH;

n is 0 or 1;

R^1 is substituted phenyl, naphthyl, or substituted naphthyl;

R^2 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, $(CH_2)_pCO_2R^3$, $(CH_2)_m$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_m$(1- or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_m$tetrazolyl; and

R^3 is hydrogen or lower alkyl.

21. The compound of claim 20 wherein R^1 is 1-naphthyl.

22. The compound of claim 20 wherein R^1 is 2-naphthyl.

23. The compound of claim 20 wherein R^1 is substituted naphthyl.

24. The compound of claim 23 wherein substituted naphthyl is 2-carboxy-1-naphthyl.

25. The compound of claim 20 wherein R^1 is substituted phenyl.

26. The compound of claim 25 wherein substituted phenyl is 2-substituted phenyl.

27. The compound of claim 26 wherein 2-substituted phenyl is (2-phenyl)phenyl.

28. The compound of claim 20 wherein A is alanine, valine, leucine cyclohexylalanine, phenylglycine or t-butylglycine.

29. The compound of claim 28 wherein R^1 is 1-naphthyl.

30. The compound of claim 28 wherein R^1 is 2-naphthyl.

31. The compound of claim 28 wherein R^1 is substituted naphthyl.

32. The compound of claim 31 wherein substituted naphthyl is 2-carboxy-1-naphthyl.

33. The compound of claim 28 wherein R^1 is 2-substituted phenyl.

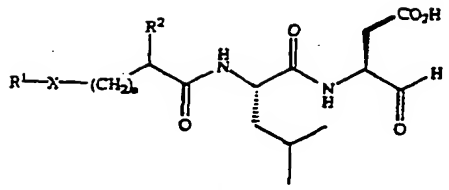
34. The compound of claim 33 wherein 2-substituted phenyl is (2-phenyl)phenyl.

35. The compound of claim 20 wherein R^2 is $(CH_2)_2CO_2R^3$ and n is 0.

36. A composition comprising a compound of claim 1 in combination with a carrier.

Fig. 17(d)

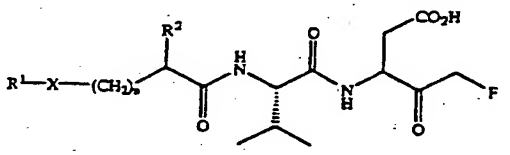
(Formula Ib)



Ex. No.	R^1	X	n	R^2	mICE $I_{50}(\mu M)$	CPP32 $I_{50}(\mu M)$	MCH2 $I_{50}(\mu M)$	MCH3 $I_{50}(\mu M)$	MCH5 $I_{50}(\mu M)$
11	1-naphthyl	CH_2	0	H	1.86	1.59	4.19	8.78	12.2
12	1-naphthyl	O	0	H	0.597	0.139	0.846	1.95	0.821
13	2-naphthyl	O	0	H	2.57	0.944	18.6	8.87	>10
14	1-naphthyl	O	0	CH_3	3.99	0.376	1.28	1.32	2.43
15	6-Br-1-naphthyl	O	0	CH_3	6.84	4.81	13.8	32.4	29.1
16	1-naphthyl	S	0	H	2.75	0.195	1.43	1.74	7.42
17	2-naphthyl	S	0	H	0.792	0.269	3.16	2.52	11.0
18	2-naphthyl	CH_2	1	H	1.80	2.76	14.5	18.2	>50
19	1-naphthyl	C=O	1	H	0.408	0.967	11.8	21.3	11.2
20	1-naphthyl	C=O	1	CH_3	4.55	9.88	24.9	29.8	3.25
21	2-naphthyl	C=O	1	H	0.543	1.42	10.3	7.43	5.23
22	1-naphthyl	O	1	H	0.686	0.059	0.305	1.37	9.81
23	2-naphthyl	O	1	H	1.32	0.910	5.90	9.65	15.2
24	1-naphthyl	S	1	H	0.563	0.412	2.72	3.60	16.3
25	2-naphthyl	S	1	H	0.611	0.837	1.62	5.89	15.0
26	2-Me-1-naphthyl	O	0	H	0.843	0.375	32.4	4.16	4.14
27	4-MeO-1-naphthyl	O	0	H	0.831	0.263	22.6	4.08	1.45
28	4-Cl-1-naphthyl	O	0	H	0.429	0.231	12.0	3.38	1.69
29	2,4-diCl-1-naphthyl	O	0	H	0.343	0.357	21.4	3.61	3.04
30	1-isoquinolinyl	O	0	H	44.2	1.57	>50	34.7	>50
31	4-quinolinyl	O	0	H	25.3	0.232	>50	4.57	>50
32	5-quinolinyl	O	0	H	5.25	0.412	>50	3.85	4.02
33	5-isoquinolinyl	O	0	H	5.14	0.407	42.7	3.48	3.64
34	8-quinolinyl	O	0	H	13.7	0.147	12.5	1.51	2.24
35	phenyl	CH_2	0	H	>10	9.74	ND	>10	>10
36	phenyl	O	0	CH_3	20.4	1.77	>10	8.27	>10
37	phenyl	O	1	H	9.42	0.419	>50	6.04	>10
38	phenyl	O	0	H	>10	3.40	>50	>10	>10
39	2-biphenyl	O	0	H	0.636	0.095	0.717	2.02	1.71
40	3-biphenyl	O	0	H	1.10	0.311	14.5	3.75	3.86
41	4-biphenyl	O	0	H	1.90	0.763	20.5	12.0	7.53
42	(2-benzyl)phenyl	O	0	H	0.523	0.490	10.1	3.36	6.05
43	(4-benzyl)phenyl	O	0	H	1.80	0.346	18.9	4.41	4.72
44	(4-phenoxy)phenyl	O	0	H	2.21	0.545	21.2	6.82	9.28
45	(2-benzyloxy)phenyl	O	0	H	2.40	0.222	9.75	2.20	4.34
46	(4-benzyloxy)phenyl	O	0	H	2.51	0.570	33.4	7.25	8.60
47	(2-cyclo-pentyl)-phenyl	O	0	H	0.538	0.197	3.37	1.49	1.86
48	(4-cyclo-pentyl)-phenyl	O	0	H	2.20	0.319	51.2	5.23	5.90

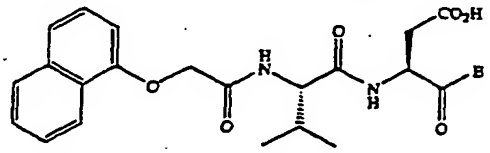
Ex. No.	R^1	X	n	R^2	mICE $I_{50}(\mu M)$	CPP32 $I_{50}(\mu M)$	MCH2 $I_{50}(\mu M)$	MCH3 $I_{50}(\mu M)$	MCH5 $I_{50}(\mu M)$
49	[2-(1-adamantanyl)-4-Me]phenyl	O	0	H	1.43	0.474	5.86	2.79	3.87
50	4-(1-adamantanyl)-phenyl	O	0	H	1.83	0.528	32.5	8.24	4.35
51	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl	O	0	H	1.83	0.324	11.8	2.74	1.75
52	5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl	O	0	H	2.57	0.162	28.6	2.31	4.95

Fig. 17(e)



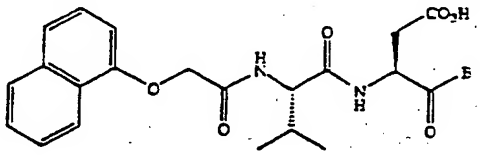
Ex.	R^1	X	n	R^2	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
54	2-naphthyl	O	0	H	$C_{27}H_{25}FN_2O_6$	432.45	433(M + H) 455(M + Na) 471(M + K)	431(M - H) 545(M + TFA)
55	1-naphthyl	O	1	H	$C_{28}H_{27}FN_2O_6$	446.47	447(M + H) 489(M + Na)	445(M - H) 559(M + TFA)
56	(2-Ph)Ph	O	0	H	$C_{34}H_{27}FN_2O_6$	458.49	481(M + Na) 497(M + K)	457(M - H) 571(M + TFA)

Fig. 17(f)



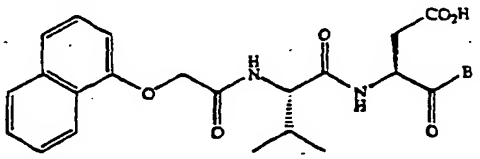
Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES): pos.	neg.
63	CH_3OCO(2,6-diCl—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{28}Cl_2N_2O_8$	603.45	603/605 (M + H)	601/603 (M - H)
64	CH_3OPh	$C_{28}H_{30}N_2O_7$	506.55	507(M + H) 529(M + Na) 545(M + K)	505(M - H)
65	CH_3O(2-F—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{29}FN_2O_7$	524.54	525(M + H)	523(M - H)
66	CH_3O(3-F—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{29}FN_2O_7$	524.54	525(M + H)	523(M - H)
67	CH_3O(4-F—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{29}FN_2O_7$	524.54	547(M + Na)	523(M - H)
68	CH_3O(2,3-diF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}F_2N_2O_7$	542.54	543(M + H) 565(M + Na)	541(M - H) 655(M + TFA)
69	CH_3O(2,4-diF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}F_2N_2O_7$	542.54	543(M + H) 565(M + Na) 581(M + K)	541(M - H)
70	CH_3O(2,5-diF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}F_2N_2O_7$	542.54	543(M + H) 565(M + Na) 581(M + K)	541(M - H)
71	CH_3O(2,6-diF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}F_2N_2O_7$	542.54	543(M + H) 565(M + Na)	541(M - H)
72	CH_3O(3,4-diF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}F_2N_2O_7$	542.54	543(M + H) 581(M + K)	541(M - H)
73	CH_3O(3,5-diF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}F_2N_2O_7$	542.54	543(M + H) 565(M + Na) 581(M + K)	541(M - H)
74	CH_3O(2,3,4-triF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{27}F_3N_2O_7$	560.53	561(M + H) 583(M + Na) 599(M + K)	559(M - H)
75	CH_3O(2,3,5-triF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{27}F_3N_2O_7$	560.53	561(M + H) 583(M + Na) 599(M + K)	559(M - H) 673(M + TFA)
76	CH_3O(2,3,6-triF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{27}F_3N_2O_7$	560.53	561(M + H) 583(M + Na) 599(M + K)	559(M - H) 673(M + TFA)
77	CH_3O(2,4,5-triF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{27}F_3N_2O_7$	560.53	561(M + H) 583(M + Na) 599(M + K)	559(M - H)
78	CH_3O(2,4,6-triF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{27}F_3N_2O_7$	560.53	561(M + H) 583(M + Na)	559(M - H)
79	CH_3O(2,3,5,6-tetra-Ph)	$C_{28}H_{26}F_4N_2O_7$	578.52	579(M + H) 602(M + Na) 617(M + K)	577(M - H)

Fig. 17(g)



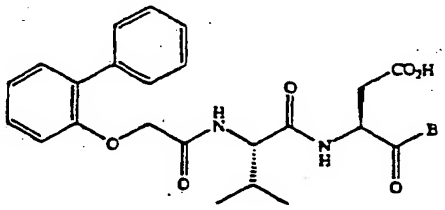
Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	neg.
80	CH_2O(2,3,4,5,6-pentaF—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{25}F_5N_2O_7$	596.51	619(M + Na)	595(M - H)
81	CH_2O(2-CF_3—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{29}F_3N_2O_7$	574.55	597(M + Na)	573(M - H)
82	CH_2O(3-CF_3—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{29}F_3N_2O_7$	574.55	597(M + Na)	573(M - H)
83	CH_2O(4-CF_3—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{29}F_3N_2O_7$	574.55	597(M + Na)	573(M - H)
84	CH_2O(3,5-diCF_3—Ph)	$C_{30}H_{28}F_6N_2O_7$	642.55	643(M + H) 665(M + Na) 681(M + K)	641(M - H)
85	CH_2O(2-F,5-CF_3—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{28}F_4N_2O_7$	592.54	593(M + H) 615(M + Na) 631(M + K)	591(M - H)
86	CH_2O(2,6-diCl—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}Cl_2N_2O_7$	575.44	575/577(M + H)	573/575 (M - H)
87	CH_2O(2-NO_2—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{29}N_3O_9$	551.55	552(M + H) 574(M + Na) 590(M + K)	550(M - H)
88	CH_2O(4-NO_2—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{29}N_3O_9$	551.55	552(M + H) 574(M + Na)	550(M - H)
89	CH_2O(2-F,4-NO_2—Ph)	$C_{28}H_{28}FN_3O_9$	569.54	570(M + H) 592(M + Na)	568(M - H)
90	CH_2O(4-CN—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{29}N_3O_7$	531.56	554(M + Na)	530(M - H)
91	CH_2O(4-CF_3O—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{29}F_3N_2O_8$	590.55	593(M + H)	589(M - H) 703(M + TFA)
92	CH_2O(4-H_2NCO—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{31}N_3O_8$	549.58	550(M + H) 572(M + Na)	548(M - H) 662(M + TFA)
93	CH_2O(4-PhCO—Ph)	$C_{35}H_{34}N_2O_8$	610.66	611(M + H) 633(M + Na)	609(M - H)
94	CH_2O(4-Ph—Ph)	$C_{34}H_{34}N_2O_7$	582.65	583(M + H) 605(M + Na) 621(M + K)	581(M - H) 695(M + TFA)
95	CH_2O(4-C_6F_5-2,3,5,6-tetraF—Ph)	$C_{34}H_{25}F_9N_2O_7$	744.57	745(M + H) 767(M + Na) 783(M + K)	743(M - H)
96	CH_2O(4-PhO—Ph)	$C_{34}H_{34}N_2O_8$	598.65	599(M + H) 621 (M + Na)	597(M - H)
97	CH_2O[4-(4'-CF_3—PhO)Ph]	$C_{35}H_{33}F_3N_2O_8$	666.65	667(M + H) 689(M + Na)	665(M - H)
98	CH_2O(3-AcNH—Ph)	$C_{30}H_{33}N_3O_8$	563.61	564(M + H) 586(M + Na)	562(M - H)
99	CH_2O(3,4-OCOS—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{28}N_2O_9S$	580.61	581(M + H) 603(M + Na) 619(M + K)	693(M + TFA)
100	CH_2O(2-pyridinyl)	$C_{27}H_{29}N_3O_7$	507.54	508(M + H)	506(M - H)
101	CH_2O(4,5-diCl-3-pyridazinyl)	$C_{26}H_{26}Cl_2N_4O_7$	577.42	577/579(M + H)	575/577 (M - H) 689/691 (M + TFA)
102	CH_2O(2-naphthyl)	$C_{33}H_{32}N_2O_7$	556.61	557(M + H)	555(M - H)
103	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{34}H_{35}N_2O_8P$	630.63	631(M + H) 653(M + Na)	629(M - H)
104	$CH_2OPO(Me)Ph$	$C_{29}H_{33}N_2O_8P$	568.56	569(M + H)	567(M - H)
105	CH_2OPOMe_2	$C_{24}H_{33}N_2O_8P$	506.49	529(M + Na)	505(M - H)
106	CH_2OPO(n-hexyl)Ph	$C_{34}H_{43}N_2O_8P$	638.28	639(M + H) 661(M + Na) 677(M + K)	637(M - H) 751(M + TFA)
107	$CH_2OPO(PhCH_2)Ph$	$C_{35}H_{37}N_2O_8P$	644.66	645(M + H) 667(M + Na) 683(M + K)	643(M - H) 757(M + TFA)
108	$CH_2OPO(Me)$(4-F—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{32}FN_2O_8P$	586.55	587(M + H) 609(M + Na)	585(M - H) 699(M + TFA)
109	CH_2OPO(n-hexyl)(4-F—Ph)	$C_{34}H_{42}FN_2O_8P$	656.69	679(M + Na)	655(M - H)
110	$CH_2OPO(Me)$(1-naphthyl)	$C_{33}H_{35}N_2O_8P$	618.62	619(M + H) 641(M + Na)	731(M + TFA)
111	CH_2O(6-Me-2-pyron-4-yl)	$C_{28}H_{30}N_2O_9$	538.55	539(M + H)	
112	CH_2O(4-coumarinyl)	$C_{37}H_{30}N_2O_8$	574.59	575(M + H) 597(M + Na)	537(M - H) 687(M + TFA)

Fig. 17(h)

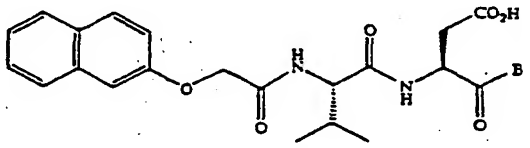


Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
113	CH_2O(2-Me-4-pyron-3-yl)	$C_{28}H_{30}N_2O_9$	538.55	539(M + H) 561(M + Na)	537(M - H) 651(M + TFA)
114	CH_2O(1,2-diMe-4(1H)-pyridon-3-yl]	$C_{29}H_{33}N_3O_8$	551.59	552(M + H)	550(M - H)
115	CH_2O(3-flavonyl)	$C_{37}H_{34}N_2O_9$	650.68	651(M + H)	649(M - H)
116	CH_2O(4,6-diMe-2-pyrimidinyl)	$C_{28}H_{32}N_4O_7$	536.58	537(M + H)	535(M - H)
117	CH_2O(4-CF_3-2-pyrimidinyl)	$C_{27}H_{27}F_3N_4O_7$	576.53	577(M + H)	575(M - H)
118	CH_2S(4,6-diMe-2-pyrimidinyl)	$C_{28}H_{32}N_4O_6S$	552.64	553(M + H) 575(M + Na)	551(M - H) 665(M + TFA)
119	CH_2O(2,6-diMe-4-pyrimidinyl)	$C_{28}H_{32}N_4O_7$	536.58	537(M + H)	535(M - H)
120	CH_2O(6-CF_3-4-pyrimidinyl)	$C_{27}H_{27}F_3N_4O_7$	576.53	577(M + H)	575(M - H)
121	CH_2O(2-CF_3-4-pyrimidinyl)	$C_{27}H_{27}F_3N_4O_7$	576.53	577(M + H)	575(M - H)
122	CH_2S(2-imidazolyl)	$C_{25}H_{28}N_4O_6S$	512.58	513(M + H)	511(M - H) 625(M + TFA)
123	CH_2S(1-Me-2-imidazolyl)	$C_{26}H_{30}N_4O_6S$	526.61	527(M + H)	525(M - H)
124	CH_2S(1H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)	$C_{24}H_{27}N_5O_6S$	513.57	514(M + H)	512(M - H)
125	CH_2S(4-Me-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)	$C_{25}H_{29}N_5O_6S$	527.59	528(M + H)	526(M - H) 640(M + TFA)
126	CH_2S(1-Me-5-tetrazolyl)	$C_{24}H_{28}N_6O_6S$	528.58	529(M + H)	527(M - H)
127	CH_2S(1-Ph-5-tetrazolyl)	$C_{29}H_{30}N_6O_6S$	590.65	591(M + H)	589(M - H)
128	CH_2S(5-Me-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)	$C_{25}H_{28}N_4O_6S_2$	544.64	545(M + H)	543(M - H)
129	CH_2S(5-Ph-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)	$C_{30}H_{30}N_4O_7S$	590.65	591(M + H) 613(M + Na)	589(M - H) 703(M + TFA)
130	CH_2S(3-Ph-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)	$C_{30}H_{30}N_4O_7S$	590.65	591(M + H)	589(M - H)
131	CH_2S(4-Ph-2-thiazolyl)	$C_{31}H_{31}N_5O_6S_2$	605.72	606(M + H) 628(M + Na)	604(M - H)
132	CH_2S(4,5-diPh-2-imidazolyl)	$C_{37}H_{36}N_4O_6S$	664.77	665(M + H)	663(M - H)
133	CH_2O(2-benzothiazolyl)	$C_{29}H_{29}N_3O_7S$	563.62	564(M + H) 586(M + Na)	562(M - H)
134	CH_2O(2-benzimidazolyl)	$C_{29}H_{30}N_4O_7$	546.58	547(M + H) 569(M + Na)	545(M - H)
135	CH_2S(2-benzothiazolyl)	$C_{29}H_{29}N_3O_6S_2$	579.68	580(M + H)	578(M - H)
136	CH_2S(2-benzimidazolyl)	$C_{29}H_{30}N_4O_6S$	562.64	563(M + H)	561(M - H) 675(M + TFA)
137	CH_2O(2-quinolinyl)	$C_{31}H_{31}N_3O_7$	557.60	558(M + H) 580(M + Na)	556(M - H) 670(M + TFA)
138	CH_2O(3-isoquinolinyl)	$C_{31}H_{31}N_3O_7$	557.60	558(M + H)	556(M - H)
139	CH_2O(1-isoquinolinyl)	$C_{31}H_{31}N_3O_7$	557.60	558(M + H) 580(M + Na)	556(M - H) 670(M + TFA)
140	CH_2O(4-quinazolinyl)	$C_{30}H_{30}N_4O_7$	558.59	559(M + H)	557(M - H)
141	CH_2O(8-quinolinyl)	$C_{31}H_{31}N_3O_7$	557.60	558(M + H)	556(M - H) 670(M + TFA)
142	CH_2O(3-Me-4-CO_2Et-isoxazol-5-yl)	$C_{29}H_{33}N_3O_{10}$	583.59	584(M + H)	582(M - H)
143	CH_2O(1-Ph-3-CF_3-pyrazol-5-yl)	$C_{32}H_{31}F_3N_4O_7$	640.61	641(M + H)	639(M - H)
144	CH_2O(5-CO_2Me-isoxazol-3-yl)	$C_{27}H_{29}N_3O_{10}$	555.54	556(M + H) 578(M + Na)	554(M - H)
145	CH_2O(5-iPr-isoxazol-3-yl)	$C_{29}H_{33}N_3O_8$	539.58	540(M + H)	538(M - H)
146	CH_2O(3-benzoisoxazolyl)	$C_{29}H_{29}N_3O_8$	547.56	548(M + H)	546(M - H)
147	CH_2O(1-Me-5-CF_3-pyrazol-3-yl)	$C_{27}H_{29}F_3N_4O_7$	578.54	579(M + H) 601(M + Na)	577(M - H)
148	CH_2O(1-benzotriazolyl)	$C_{28}H_{29}N_5O_7$	547.57	548(M + H)	660(M + TFA)
149	CH_2O(N-phthalimidyl)	$C_{30}H_{29}N_3O_9$	575.57	576(M + H)	574(M + H) 688(M + TFA)

Fig. 17(i)

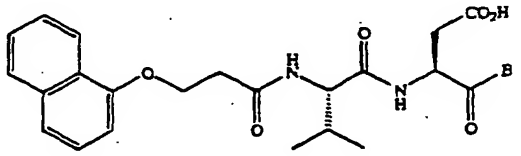


Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
150	$CH_2OCO(2,6\text{-di-Cl—Ph})$	$C_{31}H_{30}Cl_2N_2O_8$	629.49	629/631(M + H) 651/653(M + Na) 667/669(M + K)	627/629(M - H) 741/743(M + TFA)
153	$CH_2O(2,4,6\text{-triF—Ph})$	$C_{30}H_{29}F_3N_2O_7$	586.57	587(M + H) 609(M + Na) 625(M + K)	585(M - H) 699(M + TFA)
152	$CH_2O(2,3,5,6\text{-tetraF—Ph})$	$C_{30}H_{28}F_4N_2O_7$	604.56	605(M + H)	603(M - H) 717(M + TFA)
153	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{36}H_{33}N_2O_8P$	656.67	679(M + Na) 695(M + K)	655(M - H) 769(M + TFA)
154	$CH_2OPO(Me)Ph$	$C_{31}H_{33}N_2O_8P$	594.60	617(M + Na) 633(M + K)	593(M - H) 707(M + TFA)

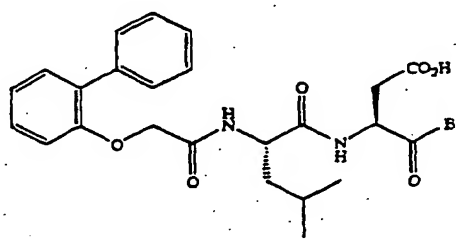


Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
155	$CH_2OCO(2,6\text{-di-Cl-Ph})$	$C_{29}H_{32}Cl_2N_2O_8$	603.45	603/605(M + H) 625/627(M + Na)	601/603(M - H) 715/717(M + TFA)
156	$CH_2O(2,4,6\text{-triF—Ph})$	$C_{28}H_{27}F_3N_2O_7$	560.53	583(M + Na)	559(M - H) 673(M + TFA)
157	$CH_2O(2,3,5,6\text{-tetraF—Ph})$	$C_{28}H_{26}F_4N_2O_7$	578.52	601(M + Na)	577(M - H) 891(M + TFA)

Fig. 17(j)

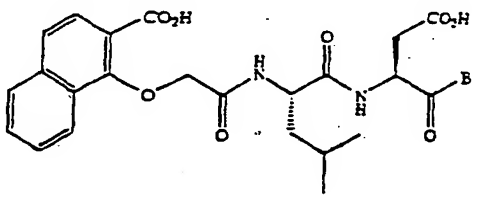


Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
158	CH_2OCO(2,6-di-Cl—Ph)	$C_{30}H_{30}Cl_2N_2O_8$	617.48	617/619(M + H) 639/641(M + Na)	615/617(M − H) 729/731(M + TFA)
159	CH_2O(1-Ph-5-CF_3—pyrazol-3-yl	$C_{33}H_{33}F_3N_4O_7$	654.64	677(M + Na)	653(M − H) 767(M + TFA)

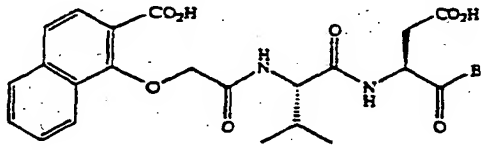


Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
162	CH_2OCO(2,6-di-Cl—Ph)	$C_{32}H_{32}Cl_2N_2O_8$	643.52	665/667(M + Na)	641/643(M − H) 755/757(M + TFA)
163	CH_2O(2,4,6-triF—Ph)	$C_{31}H_{33}F_3N_2O_7$	600.60	623(M + Na)	599(M − H) 713(M + TFA)
164	CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetraF—Ph)	$C_{31}H_{30}F_4N_2O_7$	618.59	641(M + Na)	731(M + TFA)

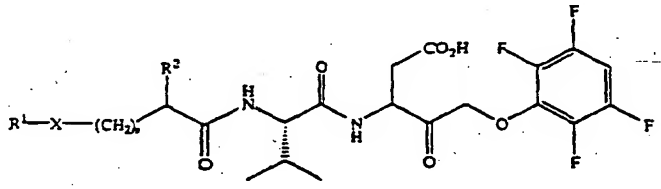
Fig. 17(k)



Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	neg.
166	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{36}H_{37}N_2O_{10}P$	688.67	689(M + H) 659(M + Na) 675(M + K)	687(M - H)
167	CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetraF—Ph)	$C_{30}H_{28}F_4N_2O_9$	636.55	637(M + H)	635(M - H)

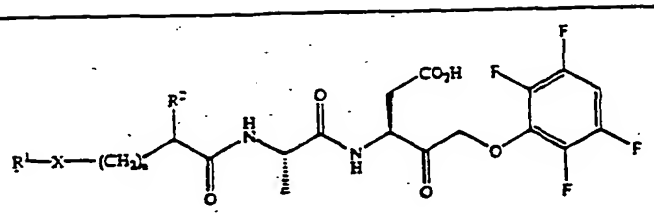


Ex.	B	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	neg.
169	CH_2O(2,3,5,6-tetraF—Ph)	$C_{29}H_{26}F_4N_2O_9$	622.53	645(M + Na)	621(M - H)
170	CH_2OCO(2,6-diCl—Ph)	$C_{30}H_{28}Cl_2N_2O_{10}$	647.46	669/671 (M + Na)	645/647 (M - H)
171	CH_2OPOPh_2	$C_{32}H_{33}N_2O_{10}P$	674.64	697(M + Na)	673(M - H)

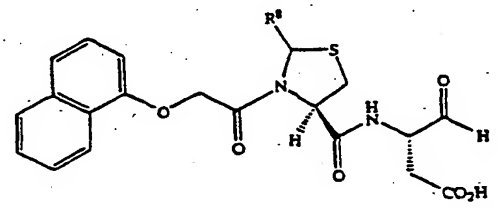


Ex.	R^1	X	n	R^2	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	neg.
173	2-naphthyl	O	0	H	$C_{33}H_{32}F_4N_2O_7$	632.61	633(M + H) 655(M + Na) 671(M + K)	631(M - H) 745(M + TFA)
174	1-naphthyl	O	1	H	$C_{34}H_{34}F_4N_2O_7$	646.63	647(M + H) 669(M + Na) 685(M + K)	645(M - H) 759(M + TFA)
175	(2-Ph)Ph	O	0	H	$C_{34}H_{34}F_4N_2O_7$	658.65	659(M + H) 681(M + Na) 697(M + K)	657(M - H) 771(M + TFA)

Fig. 17(l)

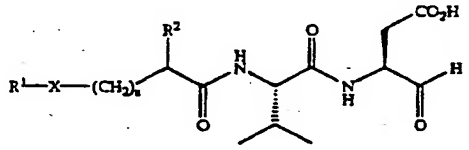


Ex.	R^1	X	n	R^2	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
176	2-naphthyl	O	0	H	$C_{26}H_{22}F_4N_2O_7$	550.46	551(M + H) 573(M + Na)	549(M - H) 663(M + TFA)
177	(2-Ph)Ph	O	0	H	$C_{32}H_{26}F_4N_2O_7$	626.50	627(M + H) 599(M + Na)	625(M - H) 689(M + TFA)



Ex.	R^8	Formula	MW	MS(ES) pos.	MS(ES) neg.
180	n-propyl	$C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_6S$	458.53	—	457(M - H)
181	n-hexyl	$C_{26}H_{32}N_2O_6S$	500.61	501(M + H) 539(M + Na)	499(M - H)
182	iso-propyl	$C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_6S$	458.53	459(M + H)	457(M - H)
183	cyclo-hexyl	$C_{26}H_{30}N_2O_6S$	498.59	499(M + H)	497(M - H)
184	H	$C_{20}H_{20}N_2O_6S$	416.45	—	415(M - H)

Fig. 17(m)



							MS(SE)	
Ex.	R^1	X	n	R^2	Formula	MW	pos.	neg.
190	(2-t-Bu)Ph	O	0	H	$C_{21}H_{30}N_2O_6$	406.48	429(M + Na) 445(M + K)	405(M - H)
191	(2-Ph)Ph	O	0	H	$C_{25}H_{26}N_2O_6$	426.47	449(M + Na) 465(M + K)	425(M - H)
192	(2-Ph)Ph	O	0	CH_3	$C_{24}H_{28}N_2O_6$	440.50	463(M + Na)	439(M - H)
193	(2-Ph)Ph	O	1	H	$C_{24}H_{28}N_2O_6$	440.50	441(M + H) 463(M + Na) 479(M + K)	439(M - H) 553(M + TFA)
194	1-naphthyl	O	1	H	$C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_6$	414.46	415(M + H) 437(M + Na) 453(M + K)	413(M - H)

Fig. 17(n)

1	(3S)-3-[N-((1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Leucinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
2	(3S)-3-[N-((1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Valinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
3	(3S,2'S)-3-[N-((2'-(1-Naphthyloxy)-4'-Carboxy)Butyryl)Leucinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
5	(3S)-3-[N-((1'-Carboxy)-2'-1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Valinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
8	(3S)-3-[N-((1-Naphthylamino)Acetyl)Leucinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
9	(3S,2'RS)-3-[N-((2'-(1-Naphthylamino)Propionyl)Leucinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
10	(3S)-3-[N-((2',3-Dihydro-2,2-Dimethyl-7-Benzofuranyloxy)Acetyl)Leucinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
53	(3RS)-3-[N-((1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Valinyl]Amino-5-Fluoro-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
57	(3RS)-3-[N-((2-Phenylphenoxy)Acetyl)Leucinyl]Amino-5-Fluoro-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
61	(2'S,3RS)-N-[((1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Indoline-2'-Carbonyl]Amino-5-Fluoro-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
62	(3S)-3-[N-((1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Valinyl]Amino-5-(1',2',3'-Benzotriazin-4'(3H)-on-3'-yloxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
161	(3S)-3-[N-((2-Phenoxyphenyl)Acetyl)Leucinyl]Amino-5-(Diphenylphosphinyloxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
165	(3S)-3-[N-((2'-Carboxy-1'-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Leucinyl]Amino-5-(2',6'-(Dichlorobenzoyloxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
168	(3S)-3-[N-((2'-Carboxy-1'-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Valinyl]Amino-5-(2'-Fluorophenoxy)-4-Oxopentanoic Acid
172	(3RS)-3-[N-((1'-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Cyclohexylalaninyl]-Amino-5-(2',3',5',6'-Tetrafluorophenoxy)-4-Oxoxypentanoic Acid
179	(3S,2'RS,4'R)-3-[3'-((1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)-2'-Phenylthiazolidine-4'-Carbonyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
185	(3S)-3-[N-((1-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)-4'(trans)-Hydroxyprolinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid

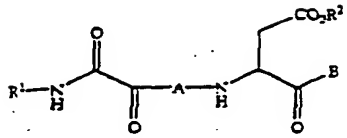
Fig. 17(o)

187	(3S)-3-[N-((3'-Trifluoromethylsulfonylamino-2'-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Valinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid
188	(3S)-3-[N-((5'-Trifluoromethylsulfonylamino-1'-Naphthyloxy)Acetyl)Valinyl]Amino--4-Oxobutanoic Acid
189	(3S)-3-[N-(4-(1'-Naphthyloxy)Butyryl)Valinyl]Amino-4-Oxobutanoic Acid

Fig. 17(p)

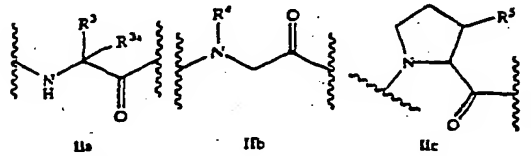
compounds of the Formula I:

Formula I

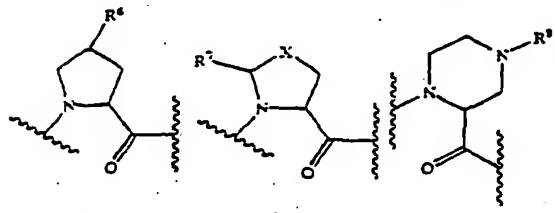


wherein:

A is a natural or unnatural amino acid of Formula IIa–i:



IIa IIb IIc



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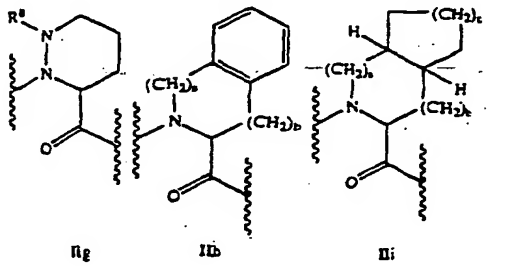
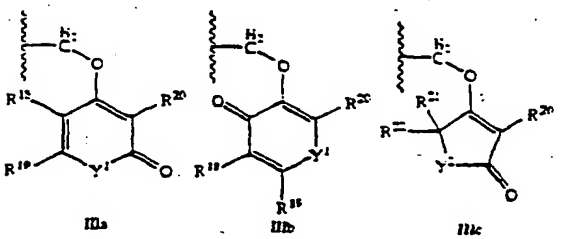


IIg IIh IIi

B is a hydrogen atom, a deuterium atom, alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, 2-benzoxazolyl, substituted 2-oxazolyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), $(CH_2)_n$(heteroaryl), halomethyl, CO_2R^{12}, $CONR^{13}R^{14}$, CH_2ZR^{15}, CH_2OCO(aryl), CH_2OCO(heteroaryl), or $CH_2OPO(R^{16})R^{17}$, where Z is an oxygen or a sulfur atom, or B is a group of the Formula IIa–c:



IIa IIb IIc

R^1 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, (1 or 2 naphthyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, $R^{1a}(R^{1b})N$, or $R^{1c}O$; and

R^2 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenylalkyl, or substituted phenylalkyl;

and wherein:

R^{1a} and R^{1b} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, (1 or 2 naphthyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl, *with the proviso that* R^{1a} *and* R^{1b} cannot both be hydrogen;

R^{1c} is alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, (1 or 2 naphthyl)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

R^3 is C_{1-6} lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_nNH_2$, $(CH_2)_nNHCOR^9$, $(CH_2)_nN(C{=}NH)NH_2$, $(CH_2)_nCO_2R^2$, $(CH_2)_nOR^{10}$, $(CH_2)_nSR^{11}$, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl) or $(CH_2)_n$(heteroaryl), wherein heteroaryl includes pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidyl, triazinyl, tetrazolyl, and indolyl;

R^{3a} is hydrogen or methyl, or R^3 and R^{3a} taken together are $-(CH_2)_d-$ where d is an integer from 2 to 6;

R^4 is phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), cycloalkyl, or benzofused cycloalkyl;

R^5 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^6 is hydrogen, fluorine, oxo, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{10}, SR^{11} or $NHCOR^9$;

R^7 is hydrogen, oxo (i.e., =O), lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^8 is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or COR^9;

R^9 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), OR^{12}, or $NR^{13}R^{14}$;

R^{10} is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

Fig. 17(q)

R^{11} is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{12} is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{13} is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, $(CH_2)_n$cycloalkyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl);

R^{14} is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

or R^{13} and R^{14} taken together form a five to seven membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, such as morpholine, or N-substituted piperazine;

R^{15} is phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, heteroaryl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), $(CH_2)_n$(1 or 2-naphthyl), or $(CH_2)_n$(heteroaryl);

R^{16} and R^{17} are independently lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, phenylalkyl, substituted phenylalkyl, or (cycloalkyl)alkyl;

R^{18} and R^{19} are independently hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl), or R^{18} and R^{19} taken together are $-(CH{=}CH)_2-$;

R^{20} is hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, $(CH_2)_n$(substituted phenyl);

R^{21}, R^{22} and R^{23} are independently hydrogen, or alkyl;

X is CH_2, $(CH_2)_2$, $(CH_2)_3$, or S;

Y^1 is O or NR^{23};

Y^2 is CH_2, O, or NR^{23};

a is 0 or 1 and b is 1 or 2, provided that when a is 1 then b is 1;

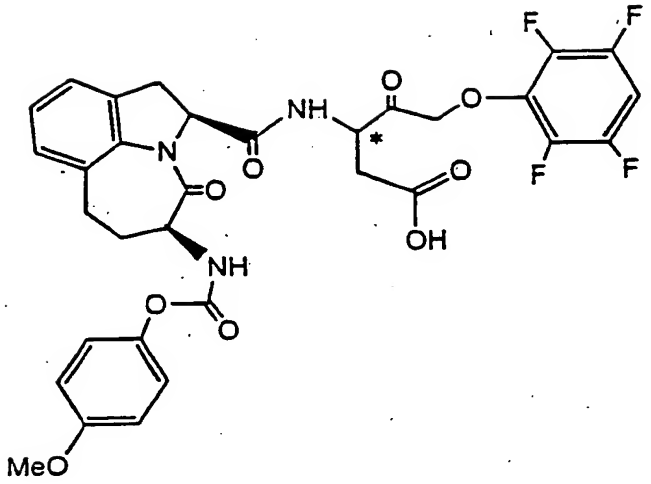
c is 1 or 2, provided that when c is 1 then a is 0 and b is 1;

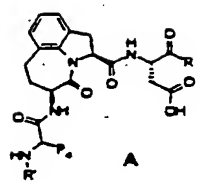
m is 1 or 2; and

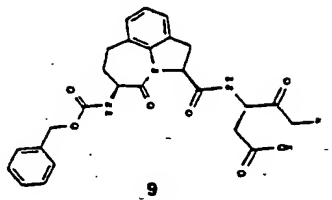
n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Fig. 17(r)

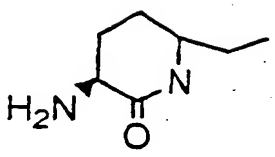






P = amino acid

FIG.18(a)



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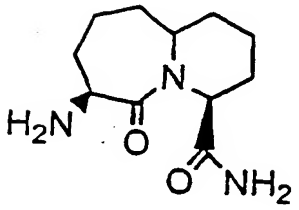

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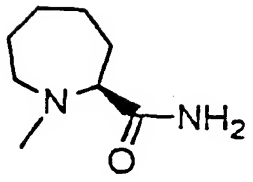

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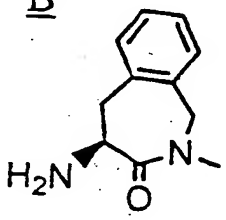

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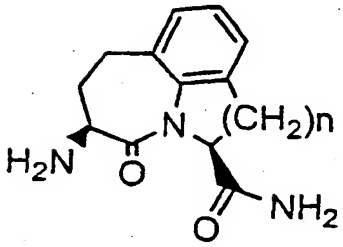
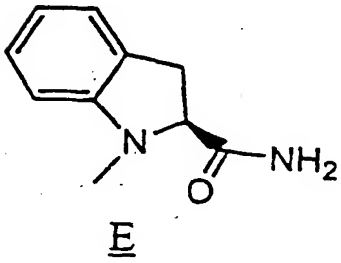


G (n=1)
H (n=2)

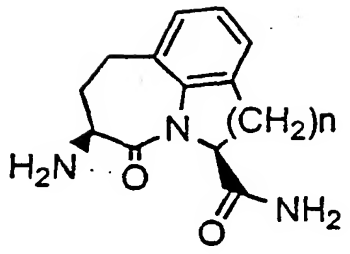


E

fmk = fluoromethyl ketone

Compound	Formula
1	1-naphthylOAc-E-Asp-aldehyde
2	z-F-Asp-aldehyde
3	z-E-D-Asp-fmk
4	(1-Naphthyl)OAc-E-Asp-fmk
5	z-Glu(tetrazolyl)-Glu-D-CH2O(F2-Ph)
6	z-G-Asp-aldehyde
7	acetyl-G-Asp-aldehyde
8	z-Asp-G-aldehyde
9	z-G-Asp-fmk
10	z-G-Asp-CH2OPOPh2
11	z-G-Asp-CH2O(2,3,5,6-F4Ph)

FIG.18(b)



G (n=1)

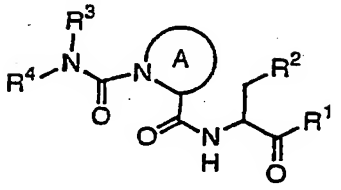
R-G-Asp-tfpmk analogues

(tfpmk = tetra fluoro phenoxy methyl ketone)

Compound	"R" group
12	(1-Naphthyl)CH2CO
13	PhCH2CO
14	PropargylOCO
15	3,4,5-(MeO)3PhOCO
16	3,4-MethylenedioxyPhOCO
17	4-CH3OPHOCO
18	4-CH3OBenzylNCO
19	PhSCO
20	F3COPhSO2
21	Me2NSO2
22	Ph2PO

FIG.18(c)

1. A compound of formula I:



I

wherein:

Ring A is an optionally substituted piperidine, tetrahydroquinoline or tetrahydroisoquinoline ring;

R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, or CH_2Y;

R is an optionally substituted group selected from an aliphatic group, an aryl group, or an aralkyl group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or esters, amides or isosteres thereof; and

R^3 is hydrogen, an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted aralkyl group or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} aliphatic group, R^4 is an optionally substituted group selected from an aryl group or a heterocyclyl group, or R^3 and R^4 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached optionally form a substituted or unsubstituted monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic ring.

2. The compound according to claim 1 having one or more features selected from the group consisting of:

(a) R^1 is CH_2Y where Y is an electronegative leaving group;

(b) R^2 is CO_2H , esters, amides or isosteres thereof; and

Fig. 19 (a)

(c) R^3 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted aralkyl group or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} aliphatic group, R^4 is an optionally substituted group selected from an aryl group or a heterocyclyl group, or R^3 and R^4, taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, optionally form a ring selected from the group consisting of indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, purine, benzimidazole, benzthiazole, imidazole, imidazoline, thiazole, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazole, pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenanthridine, acridine. purine, quinolizine, quinoline, isoquinoline, cinnoline, phthalazine, quinazoline, quinoxaline, 1,8-naphthyridine, pteridine, quinuclidine, and phenazine.

3. The compound of claim 2, wherein:

(a) R^1 is CH_2Y where Y is an electronegative leaving group;

(b) R^2 is CO_2H , esters, amides or isosteres thereof; and

(c) R^3 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted aralkyl group or an optionally substituted C_{1-6} aliphatic group, R^4 is an optionally substituted group selected from an aryl group, or a heterocyclyl group; or R^3 and R^4, taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, optionally form aring selected from the group consisting of indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, purine, benzimidazole, benzthiazole, imidazole, imidazoline, thiazole, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazole, pyrazoline,

Fig. 19 (b)

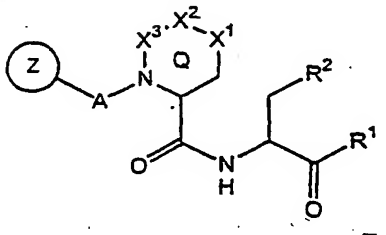
pyrazolidine, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenanthridine, acridine. purine, quinolizine, quinoline, isoquinoline, cinnoline, phthalazine, quinazoline, quinoxaline, 1,8-naphthyridine, pteridine, quinuclidine, and phenazine.

4. The compound according to claim 3 wherein $-CH_2Y$ is $-CH_2F$.

5. The compound according to claim 4 wherein R^3 and R^4, taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, form a ring selected from the group consisting of indole, isoindole, indoline, indazole, purine, benzimidazole, benzthiazole, imidazole, imidazoline, thiazole, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazole, pyrazoline, pyrazolidine, triazole, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, carbazole, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenanthridine, acridine. purine, quinolizine, quinoline, isoquinoline, cinnoline, phthalazine, quinazoline, quinoxaline, 1,8-naphthyridine, pteridine, quinuclidine, and phenazine.

Fig. 19 (c)

1. A compound of the formula I:



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wherein:

R^1 is hydrogen, CN, CHN_2, R, or $-CH_2Y$;

R is an aliphatic group, a substituted aliphatic group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, an aralkyl group, a substituted aralkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group, or a substituted non-aromatic heterocyclic group;

Y is an electronegative leaving group, -OR, -SR, -OC=O(R), or $-OPO(R^3)(R^4)$;

R^3 and R^4 are independently R or OR;

R^2 is CO_2H, CH_2CO_2H, or optionally substituted esters, amides or isosteres thereof;

A is C=O or SO_2;

X^1 is oxygen, sulfur, -NH, or $-CH_2$, wherein -NH is optionally substituted by an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a (cycloalkyl)alkyl group, an amino acid N-terminal protecting group, or COR and $-CH_2$ is optionally substituted by fluorine, an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a (cycloalkyl)alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an aryl group, an alkyloxy group, an

Fig. 20(a)

alkylthioxy group, an aryloxy group, an arylthioxy group, an oxo group (i.e., =O), or a NHCOR group;

X^2 is oxygen, sulfur, -NH, or $-CH_2$, wherein -NH is optionally substituted by an alkyl group, or an amino acid N-terminal protecting group and $-CH_2$ is optionally substituted by an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkyloxy group, an alkylthioxy group, an aryloxy group, an arylthioxy group, or an oxo (i.e., =O) group, a NHCOR group; X^1 and X^2 optionally form part of a phenyl ring that is fused to the adjoining ring Q;

X^3 is CH_2 or X^2 and X^3 optionally form part of a phenyl ring that is fused to the adjoining ring Q, provided that when X^2 forms a ring with X^3, then X^2 does not form a ring with X^1;

any two hydrogens attached to adjacent positions in ring Q are optionally replaced by a double bond; and

Z is an optionally substituted ring selected from the group consisting of a carbocyclic, an aryl, a saturated heterocycle, a partially saturated heterocycle, and a heteroaryl wherein the ring is connected to A at a ring carbon;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is CH_2Y and Y is F, OR, SR, or -OC(=O)(R).

3. The compound of claim 2 wherein Y is F.

4. The compound of claim 2 wherein R^2 is CO_2H, an ester, amide, or carboxylic acid isostere.

Fig. 20(b)

5. The compound of claim 4 wherein R^2 is CO_2H.

6. The compound of claim 4 wherein X^1 and X^2 are each CH_2, or X^1 and X^2 combine to form part of an optionally substituted phenyl ring fused to ring Q.

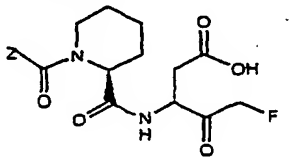
7. The compound of claim 6 wherein X^1 and X^2 are each CH_2.

8. The compound of claim 7 wherein A is CO.

9. The compound of claim 8 wherein Z is an optionally substituted aryl which is connected to A at a ring carbon.

10. The compound of claim 1 selected from Table 1 below:

Table 1. Representative Compounds



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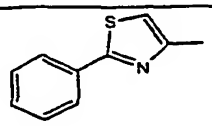
1	

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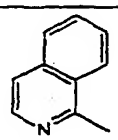
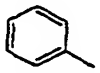
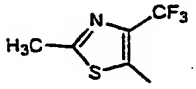
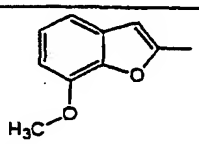
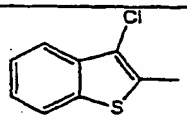
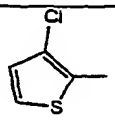
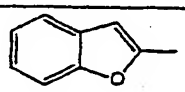
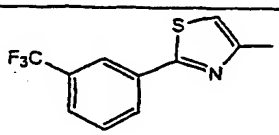
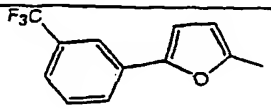
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	

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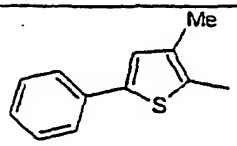
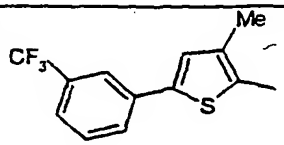
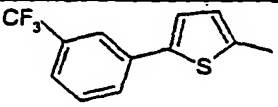
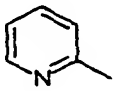
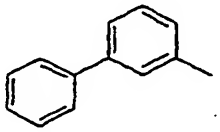
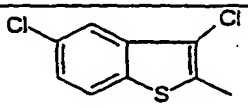
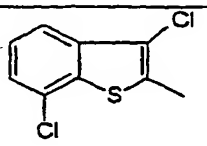
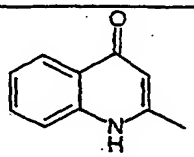
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	

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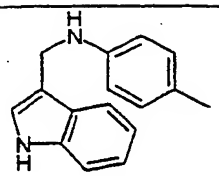
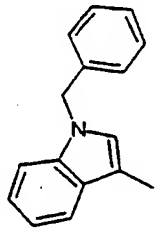
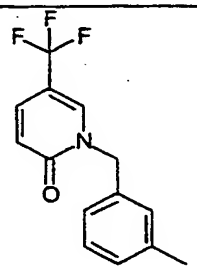
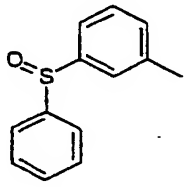
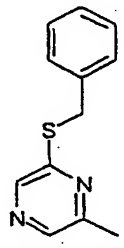
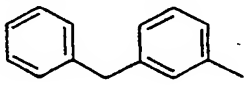
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	

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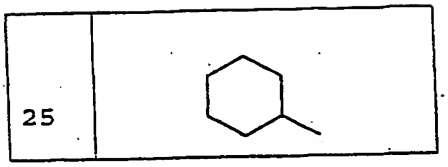

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Claims Nos.: 1-8(part)

Present claims 1-8 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the claimed compounds (compounds for which Y is one of the caspase inhibitors depicted in figs. 1-20). In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely for those compounds claimed by claim 9. Moreover, the definition of substituent Y as defined in claim1 ("a residue of a caspase inhibitor") relates to a method of action of the claimed drug ("functional feature") and therefore is not clear the intended limitation for the claims 1-8. The claims were searched considering that the residue of the caspase inhibitor is bond via a carboxy group on the phospholipid moiety.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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